ACC from A to Z

A Guide to the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government and Community Services

2017

Revised & Updated Version

Produced by the Athens-Clarke County Public Information Office
Important Contacts

Detailed listings for departments and agencies listed below can be found within this book.

Emergency (Fire / Police / Sheriff / Ambulance) ................................................................. 911

ACC Animal Control ................................................................. 706-613-3540 / 911 (After Hours Emergency)
ACC Board of Elections............................................................ 706-613-3150
ACC Clerk of Superior and State Courts ........................................... 706-613-3190
ACC Code Enforcement Division .................................................. 706-613-3790
ACC Crime Stoppers Tip Line ...................................................... 706-705-4775
ACC Emergency Management Office (Non-Emergency) ...................... 706-613-3410
ACC Fire Department (Non-Emergency) ......................................... 706-613-3360
ACC Job Hotline ............................................................................... 706-613-3100
ACC Municipal Court .................................................................... 706-613-3690
ACC Police Department (Non-Emergency General Information) ................. 706-613-3888
ACC Police Department (Non-Emergency After Hours) ......................... 706-613-3345
ACC Public Information Office ....................................................... 706-613-3795
ACC Public Utilities (Brown Water) ............................................... 706-613-3481
ACC Public Utilities (Emergency Sewer and Water Service) ................. 706-613-3495 / 706-613-3481 (After Hours)
ACC Solid Waste Department / Leaf and Limb Service ......................... 706-613-3501
ACC Transportation and Public Works (After Hours) ......................... 706-613-3345 (Police)
ACTV (Charter Cable Channel 180 / University Cablevision Channel 6) .............. 706-613-3795
Athens Transit System (Public Transportation) ....................................... 706-613-3430
Clarke County School District ................................................................ 706-546-7721
Georgia Crisis Line - Mental Illness / Substance Abuse / Developmental Disabilities ............ 800-715-4225
Georgia Health Department .......................................................... 706-389-6921 / 706-389-6871 (Birth Certificates)
Georgia Travel Info ........................................................................... 511
Information and referral helpline (health and human services) ......................... 211
University of Georgia Directory Assistance .......................................... 706-542-3000
Utilities Protection Services (Call Before You Dig) ........................................... 811

www.athensclarkecounty.com

ACTV (Charter - 180 / UGA - 6)
P.O. Box 1868, Athens, GA 30603-1868

www.twitter.com/accgov
www.facebook.com/accgov
www.youtube.com/accgov
www.instagram.com/accgov

Other social media accounts: www.athensclarkecounty.com/socialmedia
Dear Residents and Friends of Athens-Clarke County,

Welcome to the latest edition of *ACC from A to Z: A Guide to Athens-Clarke County*, the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government’s resource directory. Not only do our residents find this guide valuable, but I’m pleased to note that it is nationally recognized as well. The City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA) honored the 2016 *ACC from A to Z* with a national Savvy Award for its overall design and usefulness.

Last year, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Unification of the former City of Athens and Clarke County governments into one local government body that would better serve our community. With its creation in 1991, the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government was a trailblazer. It became only the 2nd consolidated government in Georgia and the 28th in the entire United States.

This successful citizen-led effort took to heart the last part of the Athenian oath recited by young Greeks in our namesake city during ancient times. Today, that oath can be found here in our Athens etched on the base of the Athena statue outside of the Classic Center: “Thus in all ways we will transmit this City, not only not less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.” This oath remains as relevant today as it was in ancient Greece.

Athens-Clarke County remains committed to providing its citizens with information and resources so we can work together to pass on an improved community to future generations. We strive for a government that is open, transparent, and accessible to everyone.

This *ACC from A to Z: A Guide to Athens-Clarke County*, designed to support that effort, is updated annually by the Public Information Office and contains everything from community and contact information to descriptions of a wide range of services and service providers. The information in it is also available online at [www.athensclarkecounty.com/atoz](http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/atoz) in a variety of formats for print, e-reader, and electronic use.

The information has been compiled from the many questions that the Public Information Office has received over the years. Please call the Public Information Office at 706-613-3795 or email them at info@athensclarkecounty.com if you have suggestions for future editions of *ACC from A to Z* or if you don’t find what you are looking for within these pages.

We hope you find this guide valuable in bringing your government closer to you.

Sincerely,

Nancy B. Denson
Mayor

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[www.athensclarkecounty.com/mayor](http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/mayor) • nancy.denson@athensclarkecounty.com
**Common Athens-Clarke County Acronyms**

Detailed information for most acronyms listed below can be found within the guide, usually under the full name.

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<td>ACC</td>
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<td>ACCUG</td>
<td>Athens-Clarke County Unified Government</td>
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<td>Athens Creative Theatre</td>
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<td>ACTV</td>
<td>Athens-Clarke County TV (Government Access Channel)</td>
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<td>ADDA</td>
<td>Athens Downtown Development Authority</td>
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<td>ADR</td>
<td>Alternative Dispute Resolution</td>
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<td>ARCH</td>
<td>Athens Resource Center for Hope</td>
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<td>ATS</td>
<td>Athens Transit System</td>
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<td>CASA</td>
<td>Court Appointed Special Advocates</td>
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<td>CCSD</td>
<td>Clarke County School District</td>
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<td>CCSO</td>
<td>(Athens-)Clarke County Sheriff’s Office</td>
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<td>CDBG</td>
<td>Community Development Block Grants</td>
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<td>CERT</td>
<td>Community Emergency Response Team</td>
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<td>CHaRM</td>
<td>Center for Hard to Recycle Materials</td>
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<td>CTC</td>
<td>Community Tree Council</td>
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<td>CVB</td>
<td>Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau</td>
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<td>DAPS</td>
<td>Downtown Athens Parking System</td>
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<td>DCA</td>
<td>Georgia Department of Community Affairs</td>
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<td>DFCS / DFACS</td>
<td>Georgia Division of Family and Children Services</td>
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<td>EADC</td>
<td>East Athens Development Corporation</td>
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<td>EFNEP</td>
<td>Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program</td>
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<td>Emergency Medical Services</td>
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<td>Federal Bureau of Investigation</td>
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<td>Georgia State Patrol</td>
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<td>HCD</td>
<td>Athens-Clarke County Housing and Community Development Department</td>
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<td>HUD</td>
<td>United States Housing and Urban Development</td>
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<td>ICE</td>
<td>United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement</td>
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<td>IRS</td>
<td>Internal Revenue Service</td>
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<td>KACCB</td>
<td>Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful</td>
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<td>LEED</td>
<td>Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design</td>
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<td>MACORTS</td>
<td>Madison Athens-Clarke Oconee Regional Transportation Study</td>
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<td>Neighborhood Notification Initiative</td>
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<td>Neighborhood Traffic Management Program</td>
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<td>Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax</td>
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<td>TANF</td>
<td>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</td>
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<td>TPW</td>
<td>Athens-Clarke County Transportation &amp; Public Works Department</td>
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<td>VITA</td>
<td>Volunteer Income Tax Assistance</td>
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<td>UGA</td>
<td>The University of Georgia</td>
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**Athens-Clarke County By the Numbers**

**Incorporated Areas**
- 1. Athens-Clarke County
- 2. City of Winterville
- 3. City of Bogart (partial)

**Geography**
- Approximately 122 square miles in area
- Smallest of Georgia’s 159 counties

**History**
- 40 nationally-registered historical sites
- 16 districts on National Register of Historic Places
- 13 local historic districts
- 41 individual local historic landmarks
- Athens named for Greek center of learning
- Clarke County named for Revolutionary War General Elijah Clarke

**Demographics (2010 Census data, unless noted)**

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<td>Population, including students (2015 est.)</td>
<td>123,912</td>
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<td>UGA Athens only enrollment (Fall 2016)</td>
<td>35,162</td>
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<td>Most populous of Georgia’s 535 cities</td>
<td>5th</td>
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<td>Most populous of Georgia’s 159 counties</td>
<td>19th</td>
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<td>Median age in years</td>
<td>26.2</td>
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<td>Median household income</td>
<td>$33,060</td>
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<td>High school graduates (ages 25+)</td>
<td>85.5%</td>
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<td>Bachelor’s degree (ages 25+)</td>
<td>39.3%</td>
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<td>Persons below poverty level</td>
<td>37.8%</td>
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<td>Unemployment (GA Dept. of Labor, Oct 2016)</td>
<td>5.3%</td>
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**Racial Makeup (2015 est.)**

- White – 65.4%
- Black – 27.5%
- Asian – 4.5%
- Other – 1.3%
- Hispanic or Latino – 10.6%

**5th Most populous of Georgia’s 535 cities**

**19th Most populous of Georgia’s 159 counties**

**Employment**

**Largest employers**
- 9,800 – University of Georgia
- 3,500 – Piedmont Athens Regional
- 2,800 – Clarke County School District
- 1,800 – Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation
- 1,600 – Athens-Clarke County Unified Government
- 1,500 – Caterpillar
- 1,000 – St. Mary’s Health Care System

- GA Entrepreneur-Friendly Community
- GA Certified Work-Ready Community
- Small Best Places for Business & Careers (#1 in GA, #51 in United States) by Forbes.com (June 2011)

**Education**

- Clarke County School District is separate from the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government
- 9 elected to the Board of Education
- Public schools: 15 Pre-K sites, 14 elementary, 4 middle, 3 high
- Private schools: 6 secondary & elementary
- Higher education: The University of Georgia, Athens Technical College, Piedmont College

**Accolades**

- 25 Best Places to Retire in 2015 (Forbes, 2015)
- America’s Prettiest Towns (Forbes.com, 2013)
- Coolest Small Cities in America (GQ, 2010)
- One of a Dozen Distinctive Destinations (National Trust for Historic Preservation, 2009)
- “#1 College Music Scene that Rocks” (Rolling Stone, February 2003)
Mission: Athens-Clarke County, an open and responsive government, facilitating a positive environment for individuals to obtain a high quality of life and local organizations to achieve success by providing innovative, high quality services and responsible stewardship of the community’s resources, to benefit current and future generations. (Adopted November 4, 1997)

Legislative
Elected Mayor and 10 elected Commissioners. Each citizen has two directly-elected local representatives.

Executive
Day-to-day operations are overseen by a Manager appointed by the Mayor and Commission and two Assistant Managers.

Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) Budget
• Runs July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017
• $202.1 million total budget for all funds
• The General Fund supports the majority of basic government services

General Fund Expenditures

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<td>Public Safety</td>
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<td>21%</td>
<td>Judicial</td>
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<td>16%</td>
<td>General Government</td>
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<td>12%</td>
<td>Public Works</td>
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<td>6%</td>
<td>Culture &amp; Recreation</td>
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<td>4%</td>
<td>Independent Agencies</td>
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<td>3%</td>
<td>Housing &amp; Development</td>
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<td>9%</td>
<td>Other</td>
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General Fund Revenues

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<td>Property Taxes</td>
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<td>18%</td>
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<td>17%</td>
<td>Other Taxes</td>
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<td>10%</td>
<td>Charges for Services</td>
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<td>5%</td>
<td>All Other Revenues</td>
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<td>3%</td>
<td>Fines &amp; Forfeitures</td>
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<td>6%</td>
<td>Use of Fund Balance (for capital)</td>
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Employees
• 42 departments / offices / courts
• 1,633 (FY17) full-time positions
• 13.4 (FY17) employees per 1000 residents

Judicial
• Magistrate Court
• Juvenile Court
• Municipal Court
• Probate Court
• State Court
• Superior Court (circuit includes Oconee County)
• Accountability courts: DUI/Drug Court, Felony Drug Court, Family Dependency Treatment Court, Treatment & Accountability Court, and Veteran’s Court

Average General Fund cost per ACC resident for local government services [FY17]:

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<th>Department</th>
<th>Cost per Resident</th>
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<td>Judicial</td>
<td>$1,204.44</td>
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<td>General Government</td>
<td>$1,000.00</td>
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<td>Public Works</td>
<td>$1,200.00</td>
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<td>Culture &amp; Recreation</td>
<td>$367.44</td>
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<td>Independent Agencies</td>
<td>$306.20</td>
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<td>Capital Projects</td>
<td>$36</td>
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<td>Transfers to Other Funds &amp; Debt Services</td>
<td>$49</td>
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Sales Tax: 7%
4% State of Georgia
1% SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax)
1% LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) - ACC General Fund credit on property taxes
1% E-SPLLOST (Educational Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax)

Website: www.athensclarkecounty.com
Voters may check their districts, precincts, and sample ballots by calling the ACC Board of Elections at 706-613-3150 or visiting the GA Secretary of State’s “My Voter Page” online at [www.sos.ga.gov/mvp](http://www.sos.ga.gov/mvp) or through [www.athensclarkecounty.com/elections](http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/elections).
Athens-Clarke County Mayor & Commission

Mayor – Nancy Denson *
706-613-3010
420 Forest Heights Drive, Athens, 30606
nancy.denson@athensclarkecounty.com
Initial Term: 01-04-11

District 1 – Sharyn Dickerson *
706-613-2416
317 Blue Heron Drive, Athens, GA 30605
sharyn.dickerson@athensclarkecounty.com
Initial Term: 01-06-15

District 2 – Harry Sims **
706-546-1683
170 Cone Drive, Athens, GA 30601
harry.sims@athensclarkecounty.com
Initial Term: 01-05-93

District 3 – Melissa Link *
706-372-3382
148 Hiawassee Avenue, Athens, GA 30601
melissa.link@athensclarkecounty.com
Initial Term: 01-06-15

District 4 – Allison Wright **
706-549-3518
430 Hampton Court, Athens, GA 30605
allison.wright@athensclarkecounty.com
Initial Term: 01-02-13

District 5 – Jared Bailey *
706-338-9019
145 Marsha Court, Athens, GA 30606
jared.bailey@athensclarkecounty.com
Initial Term: 01-04-11

District 6 – Jerry NeSmith **
706-248-3547
210 Deerhill Drive, Bogart, GA 30622
jerry.nesmith@athensclarkecounty.com
Initial Term: 01-02-13

District 7 – Diane Bell *
706-548-0314
130 Duncan Springs Road, Athens, GA 30606
diane.bell@athensclarkecounty.com
Initial Term: 01-06-15

District 8 – Andy Herod **
706-543-0281
315 Brookwood Drive, Athens, GA 30605
andy.herod@athensclarkecounty.com
Initial Term: 03-22-07

District 9 – Kelly Girtz *
706-369-9457
562 Pulaski Street, Athens, GA 30601
kelly.girtz@athensclarkecounty.com
Initial Term: 01-02-07

District 10 – Mike Hamby **
706-338-3970
375 West Rutherford Street, Athens, GA 30606
mike.hamby@athensclarkecounty.com
Initial Term: 01-06-09

Commissioner Wright is the mayor pro-tempore for 2017 and presides in the absence of the mayor.

* Election takes place in 2018
** Election takes place in 2020

Regular Voting Meeting: 1st Tuesdays monthly at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall
Agenda Setting Session: 3rd Tuesdays monthly at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall

Holidays or elections may alter meeting days

Both meetings are aired live and rebroadcast on ACTV (schedule on p. 12).

Both meetings are streamed live online and are available on-demand at athensclarkecounty.com/videos.

Mayor and Commission biographies, a full calendar of meetings, meeting minutes, and online comment forms are available at athensclarkecounty.com/commission. Tentative meeting agendas are available at athensclarkecounty.com/agendas at least 24 hours before each meeting and include public comment information. For additional information, contact the Clerk of Commission’s Office at 706-613-3031 (City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Suite 204).
Additional Athens-Clarke County Local Elected Officials

Clerk of Superior and State Court
Beverly Logan **
706-613-3190
325 East Washington Street, Suite 450
Athens, GA 30601
Mailing: P.O. Box 1805, Athens, GA 30603

Coroner
Sonny Wilson **
706-613-3999
3195 Atlanta Highway
Athens, GA 30601

District Attorney
Ken Mauldin **
706-613-3240
325 East Washington Street, Suite 500
Athens, GA 30601

Magistrate Court Chief Judge
Patricia Barron **
706-613-3310
325 East Washington Street, Suite 240
Athens, GA 30601

Probate Court Judge
Susan Tate **
706-613-3320
325 East Washington Street, Suite 215
Athens, GA 30601

Sheriff
Ira Edwards **
706-613-3250
325 East Washington Street, Suite 125
Athens, GA 30601

Solicitor General
C.R. Chisholm *
706-613-3215
325 East Washington Street, Suite 550
Athens, GA 30601

State Court Chief Judge
Ethelyn N. Simpson **
706-613-3200
325 East Washington Street, Suite 425
Athens, GA 30601

State Court Judge
Charles Auslander **
706-613-3310
325 East Washington Street, Suite 240
Athens, GA 30601

Superior Court Chief Judge
David R. Sweat *
706-613-3185
325 East Washington Street, Suite 580
Athens, GA 30601
Mailing: P.O. Box 1706, Athens, GA 30603

Superior Court Judge
Lawton E. Stephens **
706-613-3175
325 East Washington Street, Suite 315
Athens, GA 30601
Mailing: P.O. Box 8064, Athens, GA 30603

Superior Court Judge
H. Patrick Haggard **
706-613-3780
325 East Washington Street, Suite 405
Athens, GA 30601
Mailing: P.O. Box 1623, Athens, GA 30603

Superior Court Judge
Eric Norris *
706-310-3606 (Main) / 706-546-7704 (ACC Courthouse)
Main Office - Oconee County: 23 North Main Street
Watkinsville, GA 30677
Mailing: P.O. Box 1765, Watkinsville, GA 30677

Tax Commissioner
Toni Meadow **
706-613-3120
325 East Washington Street, Suite 250
Athens, GA 30601

* Election takes place in 2018
** Election takes place in 2020

All offices listed above are elected county-wide. Superior Court Judge and District Attorney offices cover the Western Judicial Circuit, which also includes Oconee County.
State & Federal Elected Legislators

**Governor Nathan Deal *\**
Republican  
www.gov.georgia.gov  
206 Washington Street, Suite 203,  
State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334  
404-656-1776

**State Elected Legislators**
Each represents a part of Athens-Clarke County in the Georgia General Assembly.

**Senator Bill Cowsert **
Republican – GA District 46  
bill.cowsert@senate.ga.gov  
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706-543-7700 / 706-543-7731 (fax)  
236 State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334  
404-463-1366 / 404-657-9887 (fax)

**Senator Frank Ginn **
Republican – GA District 47  
frank.ginn@senate.ga.gov  
P.O. Box 1136, Danielsville, GA 30633  
706-680-4466  
121-I State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334  
404-656-4700 / 404-657-3248 (fax)

**Representative Regina Quick **
Republican – GA District 117  
regina.quick@house.ga.gov  
150 E. Washington Street, Athens, GA 30601  
706-353-0166 / 706-353-0167 (fax)  
509-C Coverdell Legislative Office Building  
Atlanta, GA 30334  
404-656-0220

**Representative Spencer Frye **
Democrat – GA District 118  
spencer.frye@house.ga.gov  
P.O. Box 8101, Athens, GA 30603  
706-363-0637  
604-B Coverdell Legislative Office Building  
Atlanta, GA 30334  
404-656-0265 / 404-463-2634 (fax)

**Representative Chuck Williams **
Republican – GA District 119  
chuck.williams@house.ga.gov  
P.O. Box 1365, Watkinsville, GA 30677  
601-E Coverdell Legislative Office Building  
Atlanta, GA 30334  
404-656-0254 / 404-651-8086 (fax)

**Federal Elected Legislators**
Senators represent all of Georgia. Each representative represents one of Georgia’s 14 districts in the U.S. Congress.

**Senator John H. ‘Johnny’ Isakson **
Republican – Senior Senator  
www.isakson.senate.gov  
131 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
202-224-3643 / 202-228-0724 (fax)  
District Address – Atlanta  
One Overton Park  
3625 Cumberland Boulevard, Suite 970  
Atlanta, GA 30339  
770-661-0999 / 770-661-0768 (fax)

**Senator David Perdue **
Republican – Junior Senator  
www.perdue.senate.gov  
B40D Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
202-224-3521 / 202-228-1031 (fax)  
District Address – Atlanta  
100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 1340  
Atlanta, GA 30339  
404-865-0087 / 770-226-8633 (fax)

**Representative Jody Hice **
Republican – 10th Congressional District  
www.hice.house.gov  
1516 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
202-225-4101 / 202-226-0776 (fax)  
District Address – Monroe  
100 Court St.  
Monroe, GA 30655  
770-207-1776 / 770-226-6751 (fax)

**Representative Doug Collins **
Republican – 9th Congressional District  
www.dougcollins.house.gov  
1504 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
202-225-9893 / 202-226-1224 (fax)  
District Address – Gainesville  
210 Washington St. NW, Suite 202  
Gainesville, GA 30501  
770-297-3388 / 770-297-3390 (fax)

* Election takes place in 2018  
** Election takes place in 2020
Selected Ordinances
The ordinances listed below are for general information only.
Visit athensclarkecounty.com/code for full versions and updates to all ACC ordinances.

Animal Control - Dogs, Cats & Other Animals
[ACC Code Chapter 4-1]
- Keep pets under control at all times. “Under control” means:
  1. on a leash when off your property (except in dog park off-leash areas)
  2. in passenger areas of a vehicle - not in a truck bed
  3. being outside with them when on your property
  4. being confined by an electronic containment system, building, pen, fence or other structure
- Do not attach or tether pets to stationary objects unless temporarily with a collar or harness while you are with them.
- Keep pets off of others’ property without the property owner’s permission.
- Do not let pets pee or poop on others’ property without permission. Remove poop immediately from public property and private property not under your control, such as apartment complex common areas.
- Pets cannot disturb the peace by making loud, persistent noises such as barking. You can be cited if you have received a written warning within 90 days of the charged violation. Citations will be issued if at least two complaining witnesses have signed a written statement.
- Vaccination for rabies must be current and displayed on a tag at all times.
- Provide sanitary shelter for pets from the elements with space for them to make normal body movements appropriate to their age, size, and health.
- Provide clean water at all times.

Bicycle Rights, Duties & Sidewalk Riding
[ACC Code Chapter 3-10]
- Bicyclists have generally the same rights and duties as vehicle drivers.
- Only children 12 years old or younger can ride bicycles on sidewalks. No one can ride bicycles on sidewalks downtown or in areas where the door of a building opens directly onto a sidewalk.
- Yield to pedestrians on sidewalks.

Dumping
[ACC Code Section 5-2-19]
- Do not dump or otherwise place trash, dead animals, or other discarded personal property on any public road or on another’s property.
- Do not place trash in a dumpster on another’s property without permission.

Disorderly Conduct Activities & Behaviors
[ACC Code Section 3-5-1]
These are only some of the behaviors and activities considered disorderly conduct.
- Making a person fear for their safety through violent actions.
- Placing the property of a person in danger of being destroyed or damaged through violent actions.
- Endangering another by acts or threats of violence or abusive conduct.
- Causing, provoking, or engaging in any fight or riotous conduct.
- Gathering to cause, provoke, or engage in a fight or riotous conduct.
- Jostling, roughly crowding, or pushing a person in a public place.
- Gathering for unlawful purposes.
- Gathering for gaming.
- Intending to get money from a person by fraud in a public place or gathering for fraud to obtain anything valuable.
- Using “fighting words.”
- Suddenly starting, stopping, or turning a vehicle so as to endanger a person or their property.
- Operating a vehicle at a speed great enough to endanger a person or their property.
- Aiding or encouraging a minor to do any act of disorderly conduct or a breach of peace.

Junk Vehicles
[ACC Code Section 3-9-2 & Section 3-5-8]
- A junk vehicle is one that does not have a current license plate lawfully displayed, is not fully operational, or is wrecked, dismantled, abandoned, or discarded.
- Do not park a junk vehicle on public property for more than 3 days or on private property for more than 30 days unless it is under a carport or similar structure.

Outdoor Event Registration
[Section 3-5-24]
(see also: Events, Special and/or Outdoor in listings)
- All outdoor entertainment events with commercial entertainment or electronic amplification must register at least 72 hours prior to the event with the ACC Police Department.
- Events cannot take place during 11:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and between midnight – 7:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings.
**Noise Ordinance**  
**[ACC Code Section 3-5-24]**

- Generally, noise is prohibited if it is audible:
  - **300 feet from property line:**  
    - Sundays – Thursdays: 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
    - Fridays & Saturdays: 7:00 a.m. – midnight.  
- **100 feet from the property line:**  
  - Sundays – Thursdays: 11:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.  
  - Saturday & Sunday mornings: midnight – 7:00 a.m.  
- **100 feet away at any time:**  
  - Vehicle stereos  
- **5 feet beyond the wall or boundary:**  
  - Any apartment, condominium, duplex, or other dwelling unit with adjoining points of contact.  
- Landscape maintenance devices (leaf blowers, lawn mowers, etc.) within 300 feet of any residential zoning district cannot be used from 8:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m. (9:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. in AR district).  
- Construction noise cannot be plainly audible within any residential zoning district more than 100 feet beyond the property between 11:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. except for projects that have received a variance from the ACC Building Permits and Inspections Department and government and utility company construction and maintenance projects.  
- Report complaints to the ACC Police Department at 706-613-3345 or 911.

**Open Containers - Alcoholic [Section 6-3-12] & Glass [Section 3-12-23]**

- The following are prohibited on public streets, sidewalks, alleyways, or rights-of-way, in any public or semi-public parking facility, or on any outdoor public patio except licensed sidewalk cafes.  
- Alcoholic beverages in an open container  
- Any open glass containers – even non-alcoholic  
- A semi-public parking facility includes privately-owned areas where vehicles may be parked by the public for a business, office, church, school, or multi-family dwelling.  
- Removing a resealed bottle of wine from a restaurant and transporting it in compliance with state law is allowed.  
- These restrictions do not apply to property owned by the Board of Regents of the State of Georgia, passengers of limousines or similar vehicles, passengers of buses driven by a commercially-licensed driver, or occupants in the living quarters of a camper or motor home.

**Parking - Front Yard**  
**[Section 9-30-8]**

- Do not park a vehicle on a non-prepared, unimproved surface such as grass in a front or side yard in a residential zone.

**Picketing and Demonstrations**  
**[Section 6-5-23]**

- Picketing, demonstrations, gatherings, processions, or other activities protected by the Constitution cannot block entry and exit from any public or private place.  
- Persons or groups planning these kinds of activities must submit an application to the ACC Police Department.

**Posting Handbills / Notices / Posters**  
**[Section 3-12-17]**

- No posting notices, posters, handbills, or other items on any lamppost, public utility pole, tree, or public structure or building.

**Single Family Housing - Number of Residents**  
**[Section 9-15-18]**

**Definitions**

- “Family”: two or more persons residing in a single dwelling unit where all members are related by blood, marriage, adoption, or foster care, up to the second degree of consanguinity.  
- “Consanguinity”: husbands and wives, parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, nephews and nieces, and first cousins.  
- “Residing”: Staying overnight for more than 30 days in a 90-day period.  
- RS = Single Family Residential district & AR = Agricultural Residential district. Call the Planning Department (706-613-3515) for zoning details.  
- Within RS zoning districts or “AR neighborhoods”  
  - A single dwelling unit cannot have more than two unrelated individuals residing there.  
  - Families, as defined above, cannot have more than one unrelated individual residing with them (i.e., family plus one).

**Trash Receptacles / Rollcarts**  
**[Section 5-2-14(a)]**

- Trash receptacles must be stored behind or next to the service location or screened from view from the public right-of-way, except from 6:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled collection day to noon the day after the scheduled collection day.

**Smoking**  
**[Chapter 4-3]**

- No smoking in any enclosed public places and enclosed places of employment, except for a few specified locations.  
- No smoking in any park, youth sports complex, or recreation area owned, leased, or operated by Athens-Clarke County.
ACTV Government Access Television

ACTV, the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government’s television channel, is produced by the ACC Public Information Office and airs government-related programming 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on TV, online, and in some public space waiting areas.

Programming includes bulletin board information, public service announcements, videos, and live and rebroadcast Mayor and Commission meetings. Special programming may be inserted and replace scheduled programming; watch ACTV or check online for details.

Programming Schedule

Televised Mayor & Commission Meeting Schedule
*Note: Some live televised meeting days may be altered due to holidays and elections.*

1st & 3rd Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m. (live)
Other Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m. (rebroadcast)
Thursdays - 6:00 p.m. (rebroadcast)
Sundays - 3:00 p.m. (rebroadcast)

Georgia Department of Labor’s JobTV
*Area job listings and career tips.*
Daily - 3:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. (1 hour)

Bulletin Board Government Information Programming [Hourly]
*The following 10-minute magazine schedule repeats every hour when not superceded by other programming.*

**Mayor & Commission Information**
Biographical and contact information for the Mayor and Commissioners, goals and objectives, agendas, district maps, updates on other issues.

**Government Services Updates**
Road work reports, water restrictions, leaf and limb pickup schedules, water conservation tips, Transportation and Public Works updates, Public Utilities updates, Solid Waste information.

**What’s Happening in Athens?**
Time sensitive information on ACC activities and programs, Leisure Services program information, and public meetings and forum information.

**Job Opportunities with ACC**
Current listing of available jobs with the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government, including full-time, part-time, and summer opportunities.

**Public Safety Updates**
Fire and crime prevention tips, reward and persons wanted information, public safety (Police, Fire, Sheriff) information, warnings and alerts, requests for citizen assistance, recognition for personnel.

**All About Athens**
General ACC information, dog listings, ordinance information, operating hours, general parks and recreation information, important phone numbers, and more.

**ACTV is online at** [www.athensclarkecounty.com/actv](http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/actv).

Watch videos of ACTV programming such as Mayor & Commission meetings, public service announcements, short videos, and special events on-demand.

For questions, suggestions, or reporting ACTV problems, call the ACC Public Information Office at 706-613-3795 or e-mail actv@athensclarkecounty.com.
Recyclable Items in Athens-Clarke County

**RECYCLABLE ITEMS**

- Plastic Food Trays
- Plastic Bottles & Jugs
- Wide-Mouth Plastic Containers #1-#7
- Rigid Plastics
- Empty Aerosol Cans Lids Removed
- Milk & Juice Cartons & Juice Boxes
- Aluminum Cans, Foil & Trays
- Glass Bottles & Jars Lids Removed
- Cereal & Food Boxes Flattened
- Cardboard & Pizza Boxes Flattened
- Magazines, Phone Books & Catalogs
- Paperback Books
- Metal Food Cans
- Junk Mail, Mixed Paper, Paper Bags & Newspaper

**Items that ARE NOT accepted for recycling:**

- NO Plastic Bags
- NO Shredded Paper
- NO Pots & Pans
- NO Glassware
- NO Paper Plates or Cups
- NO Napkins or Paper Towels
- NO Plastic Cutlery
- NO Food
- NO Clamshells or Styrofoam
- NO Batteries or Light Bulbs
- NO Wire Hangers
- NO Ceramics

- Empty and rinse all containers.
- Plastic caps and lids are recyclable.
- These guidelines apply to all recycling collection containers except bag customers in the downtown district.
- SAVE and POST this information.

**Questions?**
ACC Recycling Division
706-613-3512
athensclarkecounty.com/recycling
Leaf and limb collection by the ACC Solid Waste Department is provided to all citizens on a six-week schedule. One of the six Areas A-F is collected weekly. An automated phone system (706-613-3501 ext. 451) provides current and upcoming pickup locations. Schedules and detailed information - including a searchable area map and a signup for notifications - is online at www.athensclarkecounty.com/leaflimb.
Abandoned Vehicles (Public Property) – 706-613-3345
It is unlawful to leave a vehicle parked in one place on a public street, highway, or other Athens-Clarke County owned property for more than 48 hours. If a vehicle is reported to have been abandoned, it is first determined whether or not it has been reported stolen. If it has been reported stolen, or if its position on a roadway makes it a potential traffic hazard, the vehicle can be towed immediately. If it has not been reported stolen and is not a potential traffic hazard, then its tires will be marked. Forty-eight hours later, if the marked vehicle has not been moved, it can lawfully be towed (for vehicles on private property, see Junk Vehicles).

Absentee / Early Voting – 706-613-3150
www.athensclarkecounty.com/elections
Voters may vote by absentee ballot by mail or in person without providing a reason prior to elections. Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained from the ACC Board of Elections or through the GA Secretary of State website (www.sos.georgia.gov/elections).

Accident Reports
Arrest reports may be obtained from the law enforcement agency that issued it for a fee:
• ACC Police Department
  ◦ Online at www.buyocrash.com (For troubleshooting issues – 706-613-3330 ext. 287)
  ◦ East Precinct, 3035 Lexington Road – 706-613-3330 ext. 245
  ◦ West Precinct, Georgia Square Mall – 706-353-4218 ext. 137
• UGA Police Department – 706-542-5813
  286 Oconee Street, Suite 100
• Georgia State Patrol – 706-552-4439
  1505 Highway 29 North

Accounts Payable (by Athens-Clarke County) – 706-613-3057
ACC Finance Department

Accountability Courts
Accountability courts aim to address underlying problems such as substance abuse and mental health. Graduates of accountability courts can receive reduced sentences, lower fines, and other incentives. There are five accountability courts that operate out of the ACC Courthouse: DUI/Drug Court, Family Treatment Court, Felony Drug Court, Treatment & Accountability Court, and Veterans Court (see also: individual entries).

ACTV
www.athensclarkecounty.com/actv
The ACC Public Information Office maintains the Athens-Clarke County Government Access Channel on Charter Communications Channel 180 and University of Georgia Cablevision Channel 6 with information and programming regarding the Unified Government’s activities. Additionally, regular meetings of the Mayor and Commission are broadcast live and on tape delay (see also: Public Information Office; ACTV schedule on p. 12).

ACTION, Inc. – 706-546-8293 ext. 25 or 28 (Rent & Utility)
www.actionathens.org
594 Oconee Street
A community-based human development service agency that operates programs in a 10-county area.

ADDA (see: Athens Downtown Development Authority)

Addictive Diseases (see: Advantage Behavioral Health Systems)

Addresses (see: Street Addresses)

Adopt Athens – 706-613-3501 ext. 312
Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful
ACC Solid Waste Department
www.athensclarkecounty.com/kaccb

Adopt-a-Bus Stop (see: Adopt Athens)

Adopt-a-Highway (see: Adopt Athens)

Adopt-a-Park (see: Adopt Athens)

Adopt-a-Stream (see: Adopt Athens)

Adoption, Child – 877-210-5437 [877-210-KIDS]
www.dpcs.dhs.georgia.gov
GA Department of Human Resources’ Office of Adoptions
Adoption, Animal
ACC Animal Control Shelter – 706-613-3540
www.athensclarkecounty.com/animalcontrol
125 Buddy Christian Way
An application, a fee, a landlord letter of approval (if applicable), and a waiting period are required. Dogs and cats are not adopted out to those residing in fraternity or sorority houses (see also: Animal Control; Animal Shelter).

Advance Voting – 706-613-3150
Administered by the ACC Board of Elections, advance voting allows voters to cast ballots in person for any reason or simply for convenience beginning on the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election and as soon as possible prior to a runoff. Advance voting ends on the Friday immediately prior to each primary, election, or runoff.

Advantage Behavioral Health Systems
www.advantagebhs.org
The GA Department of Human Resources Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases (www.mygcal.com) contracts with Advantage Behavioral Health Systems (ABHS) as a publicly-funded provider of behavioral health, developmental disability, and addictive disease services for 10 counties in Northeast Georgia, including Athens-Clarke County. ABHS provides treatment, counseling, supportive services for community living, activity groups, and other services for people whose health affects their behavior, such as people suffering from mental illness or people battling alcohol or drug addiction (see also: Athens Health Network; Crisis & Access Line).

• Athens-Clarke County Clinic – 706-389-6767
  250 North Avenue (Developmental Disabilities, Adult Mental Health, Residential Services, Intake)
• Homeless Day Service Center (see: Homeless Day Service Center)
• Mental Health/Substance Abuse – 706-542-8656
• Miles Street – 706-369-5745
  195 Miles Street (Adult Addictive Diseases, Intensive Treatment Program, Assertive Community Team, Community Support Team, Crisis Stabilization)
• South Milledge Clinic – 706-369-6363
  2085 South Milledge Avenue, Suite 1 (Child & Adolescent Services, Adult Mental Health Day Programs, Residential Services, Community Employment)
• Women’s Services – 706-227-5321
  250 North Avenue (Women’s Recovery Residence, Intensive Outpatient)

Aging (see: Council on Aging, Athens Community)

Agriculture and Natural Resources – 706-613-3640
Cooperative Extension provides a wealth of information for residents and home gardeners including landscaping, identification of plants, insects, plant diseases, soil, and water testing. (see: Cooperative Extension)

ADR (see: Alternative Dispute Resolution)

Airport [Athens-Ben Epps Airport] – 706-613-3420
www.athensclarkecounty.com/airport
1010 Ben Epps Drive
Athens-Ben Epps Airport provides air travel services to Athens-Clarke County and Northeast Georgia. Services are provided for commercial air travel, general aviation, and military users.

Alcohol (see: Alcohol Licenses; Open Containers)

Alcohol & Other Addictive Drug Services (see: Advantage Behavioral Health Systems)

Alcohol Licenses – 706-613-3047
www.athensclarkecounty.com/finance
ACC Finance Department

Alternative Dispute Resolution [ADR] – 706-613-3210
www.athensclarkecounty.com/adr
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 210
This process refers to any form of settling a dispute other than litigation. Mediation is one type and the method used by the courts in Athens-Clarke County. Mediation is a process by which a neutral third party facilitates negotiations between other parties in conflict.

Animal Control Division – 706-613-3540 / 911 [After Hours Emergency]
www.athensclarkecounty.com/animalcontrol
125 Buddy Christian Way
The ACC Animal Control Division of the Central Services Department operates the animal shelter and is responsible for public safety from dangerous or seriously sick animals and at-large dogs, barking dog complaints, investigations of animal cruelty allegations, enforcement of the ACC Animal Control ordinances, adoption or reclaim of impounded and surrendered dogs and cats, public education on a variety of animal-related topics, and information regarding lost or found dogs and cats (see also: Adoption, Dog; Animal Shelter; Cats; Wildlife; selected ordinances on p.10).
Animal, Dead Removal
Dead animals are only removed from public rights-of-way. Dead animals on private property can be disposed of by private wildlife removal companies or by transporting them to the ACC Landfill.

- **Outside Urban Service District** (area where residential waste is collected by private haulers):
  ACC Transportation and Public Works Department Streets and Drainage Division – 706-613-3465
- **Inside Urban Service District** (area where residential waste is collected by ACC Solid Waste):
  ACC Solid Waste Department – 706-613-3501
- **State roads** (any road maintained by the state in Athens-Clarke County):
  GA Department of Transportation – 706-583-2644

Animal Shelter (see: Adoption, Animal)

Animal Spaying/Neutering (see: Humane Society, Athens Area or call private veterinarians)

Annulements – 706-613-3190
The Clerk of Superior & State Courts charges a filing fee and the Sheriff’s Office charges a fee for their service. Copies of the petition and Sheriff’s information are needed.

Appraisal, Property (see: Property Values)

Aquatics [ACC Leisure Services]
www.athensclarkecounty.com/aquatics
(see: Pools, Public; Splash Pads)

Arborist (see: Planning)

ARCH (see: Athens Resource Center for Hope)

Arrests (see: Jail)

Arts Center (see: Lyndon House)

Asbestos – 404-363-7026
GA Department of Natural Resources

Athens Creative Theatre (ACT) – 706-613-3628
www.athensclarkecounty.com/act
ACT is a unit of the Arts & Nature Division of the ACC Leisure Services Department with offices housed at the Morton Theatre and both performance and rehearsal space at Quinn Hall inside Memorial Park. Athens Creative Theatre has provided quality workshop opportunities, classes, and live theatrical performances since 1966. Their Quinn Hall black box performance space at Memorial Park is named for ACT founder and former UGA drama professor Jane Quinn and is available for event rentals. ACT is known for its main stage musicals, second stage dramas, its all-inclusive programming (including programs for the cognitively challenged), and its “Hit the Pit” live pit orchestra program.

Athens Downtown Development Authority [ADDA] – 706-353-1421
www.downtownathensga.com
Gameday Building, 250 West Broad Street, Suite 108
The ADDA promotes, maintains, and enhances a safe and economically viable Central Business District by focusing both private and public resources on the potential of downtown to benefit the entire community (see also: Downtown Athens Parking System).

Athens Health Network – 706-202-0999
www.athenshealth.org
The Athens Health Network is a community partnership working to reduce the impact of poverty on health and narrow health disparities in greater Athens.

Athens Land Trust (see: Land Trusts)

Athensmade
www.athensmade.com
Athensmade is a non-profit organization that exists to educate, support and promote homegrown brands, entrepreneurs and creative professionals in Athens, GA.

Athens Regional Medical Center (see: Piedmont Athens Regional)

Athens Resource Center for Hope [ARCH] – 706-354-1154
www.athensresourcecenter.org
250 North Avenue
ARCH co-locates necessary services so that members of the community at risk of and experiencing homelessness have realistic access to opportunities to work toward independence. ARCH consists of multiple organizations constructing a multi-disciplinary approach to eradicating homelessness, including safe housing, mental health services, medical services, affordable quality daycare, employment programming, case management, and basic needs such as food, showers, and laundry.

Athens Technical College – 706-355-5000
www.athenstech.edu
800 US Highway 29 North
ACC from A to Z

Babies Can't Wait – 706-369-6101
202 Ben Burton Circle, Bogart, GA 30622
Babies Can’t Wait is a statewide service delivery system run by the GA Health Department for infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities and their families.

Background Checks – 706-613-3330 (Police) or 706-613-3250 (Sheriff’s Office Warrant Service Unit)
Both the ACC Police Department (East Precinct on Lexington Rd) and ACC Sheriff’s Office Warrant Service Unit (ACC Courthouse) can conduct a criminal records background check for employment or housing purposes for a fee.

Bankruptcy Court (Federal Court) – 478-752-3508 - (Macon Divisional Office)
www.gamb.uscourts.gov/USCourts/
US Post Office & Federal Courthouse
115 East Hancock Avenue
Athens is part of the Middle District of Georgia, which has its main office in Macon.

Bear Creek Reservoir – 706-369-5650 (Admin) / 770-725-4338 (Plant Management)
www.bearcreekwtp.com
This regional reservoir located north of Bogart and west of Cleveland Road in Jackson County serves Athens-Clarke, Jackson, Barrow, and Oconee counties. The Upper Oconee Water Basin Authority was formed by these counties to address long-term water needs through regional approaches. The 505-acre lake helps Athens-Clarke County to ensure an adequate water supply during periods of drought. ACC’s 44% share of the reservoir water is pumped to Athens-Clarke County for treatment (see also: Public Utilities).

Bear Hollow Zoo – 706-613-3580
www.athensclarkecounty.com/bearhollow
Memorial Park, 293 Gran Ellen Drive
Bear Hollow is a facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department and the home to more than 35 native non-releasable animals housed in natural habitat exhibits. Educational programming is offered year-round.

Ben Burton Park – 706-613-3801 (Park Services Office)
www.athensclarkecounty.com/benburton
616 Mitchell Bridge Road
This 35-acre park is owned and operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department and features nature trails on the Middle Oconee River, picnic tables, grills, and a canoe/kayak boat launch.

Ben Epps Airport (see: Airport (Athens-Ben Epps Airport))

Benefits, Government
www.benefits.gov
www.atlanta.bbb.org
503 Oak Place, Suite 590, Atlanta, GA 30349
The Better Business Bureau of Metro Atlanta, Athens, and Northeast Georgia provides free business reliability reports on member and non-member companies alerting buyers to complaint history, law enforcement actions, and advertising practices. Consumer alerts of scams and fraud may be accessed on the website. Compliments about a company may also be submitted, and national charities may also be evaluated (see also: Georgia Department of Law - Consumer Protection Unit).

Bicycle Facilities
www.athensclarkecounty.com/bike
The Unified Government provides a variety of facilities that provide services for bicycles and riders in the community including:
• Bike lanes on roadways
• Bus n’ Bike Program
• North Oconee River Greenway
• 5 miles of mountain bike trail at Trail Creek Park
• Bike racks in the downtown area
• Bike lockers at the multimodal transportation center
• Oconee Street Park and Ride Lot
(see also: Bicycle Lanes; Bicycle Trails; Bus n’ Bike Program; North Oconee River Greenway; Trail Creek Park; selected ordinances on p. 10).

Bicycle Lanes – 706-613-3460
ACC Transportation and Public Works – Traffic Engineering Division

Bicycle Trails – 706-613-3801 (Park Services Office)
(see: Oconee Rivers Greenway; Trail Creek)

Bid Information – 706-613-3072, ext. 4
www.athensclarkecounty.com/purchasing
Contact the ACC Purchasing Division to inquire about bids or to be placed on the vendor list for Athens-Clarke County. Bid opportunities are also available online through the ACC website system notifications.

Birth Certificates – 706-389-6871 / 706-389-6921 (Health Department Main Line)
www.publichealthathens.com
345 North Harris Street
The GA Health Department has birth records for Athens-Clarke County and all other Georgia counties dating back to July 1919. Certified copies are available for a fee. Identification is required. Birth certificates can also be requested online or by mail from the GA

Department of Community Health, 404-679-4702, www.health.state.ga.us (see also: Health Department).

Birthday Parties [Athens-Clarke County Facilities]
A number of Athens-Clarke County Unified Government facilities offer birthday packages. Rental fees and programs vary by facility. Locations include:
• Fire Department
  ◦ Fire Station #1 (College Avenue) – 706-613-3360
• Leisure Services Department
  ◦ Bear Hollow Zoo – 706-613-3580
  ◦ Bishop Park (Gymnastics) – 706-613-3589
  ◦ Sandy Creek Nature Center – 706-613-3615
  ◦ Tennis Center – 706-613-3991

Bishop Park – 706-613-3589
www.athensclarkecounty.com/bishop
705 Sunset Drive
This facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department is named in honor of former City of Athens Mayor Julius Bishop. The 33-acre park features athletic fields, basketball courts, a large gymnasium, a playground, a swimming pool, tennis courts, a walking trail, and a picnic area. The park offers a range of youth sports during the year, including the area’s premier gymnastics program (see also: Tennis).

Board of Education (see: Clarke County School District)

Board of Elections and Voter Registration – 706-613-3150
www.athensclarkecounty.com/elections
155 East Washington Street
The ACC Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office manages all voter registrations and conducts all elections held in Athens-Clarke County. The office educates the public on all election dates and laws and is responsible for the certification of election results. The Board of Elections handles the qualification process for candidates and maintains an accurate list of voters for elections, for candidates, and for jury lists.

Boards, Authorities, and Commissions
www.athensclarkecounty.com/bacs
The following Boards, Authorities, and Commissions have positions that are advertised and have applications submitted to the Clerk of Commission for consideration by the Mayor and Commission for appointments. Other advisory boards not listed below follow other appointment processes. The Clerk of Commission releases announcements of board openings to local news media, on ACTV, and on the ACC website usually twice a year in mid-spring and mid-fall. For more information, contact the Clerk of
Commission at 706-613-3031 (see also: individual entries for some boards, authorities, and commissions).

- Airport Authority
- Athens Downtown Development Authority
- Board of Elections
- Board of Health
- Board of Tax Assessors
- Classic Center Authority
- Construction Board of Appeals
- Development Authority of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County
- Division of Family and Children Services
- East Central Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Regional Board
- (Industrial) Economic Development Authority
- Hearings Board
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Library Board
- Planning Commission
- Vision Committee

Boating (see: Ben Burton Park, Sandy Creek Park)

Bogart, City of – 770-725-7386 [City Hall]
www.cityofbogart.com
125 Main Street, Bogart, GA

Boulevard Woods Park – 706-613-3801 [Park Services Office]
www.athensclarkecounty.com/boulevardwoods
298 Barber Street
Boulevard Woods Park is owned and operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department. The 1.8-acre park is passive in nature and features a small paved walking loop, a bench, and an open lawn area.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Athens
www.greatfuturesathens.com
- Administrative / Main Office – Joel E. Smilow Clubhouse, 705 Fourth Street – 706-546-5910
- The Club @ H.T. Edwards, 440-4 Dearing Extension – 706-357-5368

Brown Water (Faucet / Tap) – 706-613-3481
ACC Public Utilities Department

Budget, Athens-Clarke County – 706-613-3685
www.athensclarkecounty.com/budget
The budget for the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County runs for a fiscal year (FY) from July 1 of one year until June 30 of the following year and is adopted by the Mayor and Commission. The ACC Finance Department’s Budget and Management Division is responsible for coordinating the development of the budget each year. Full budgets and Budgets in Brief are available on the ACC website.

Building Permits and Inspections Department – 706-613-3520
www.athensclarkecounty.com/buildinginspection
120 West Dougherty Street
The ACC Building Permits and Inspection Department protects public safety, health, and general welfare with respect to the built environment. The department issues permits for building, electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, gas, graphics, demolition, temporary structures, manufactured homes, swimming pools, and building relocations.

Burn Permits (see: Burning)

Burning – 706-613-3385
ACC Fire Department – Fire Marshal
Most types of open burning – including the burning of vegetative matter such as leaves, tree stumps, brush, and forest residue – are prohibited in Athens-Clarke County. Additionally, non-containment devices such as backyard fireplaces, open metal drums, burn barrels, or burn pits cannot be used for open burning. There are a few exceptions for such things as cooking food, using open flame devices such as welding torches, and “prescribed burning” permitted by the GA Forestry Commission (see also: Georgia Forestry Commission).

Bus Information – 706-613-3430
www.athensclarkecounty.com/transit
Athens Transit System schedules for The Bus are available online and at the Pound Street Transit office, Athens Regional Medical Center, Multimodal Transportation Center, and UGA Tate Student Center.

Bus ‘n’ Bike – 706-613-3430
Athens Transit System offers a “Bus n’ Bike” option for cyclists to transport bikes on the front of every bus in special carriers. A cyclist pays only the normal transit fare; there is no additional charge. Each carrier can hold up to two adult-size bicycles.

Business Licenses – 706-613-3050
www.athensclarkecounty.com/finance
ACC Finance Department
Prospective businesses should check their location with the ACC Planning Department before contacting the ACC Finance Department to fill out a Business Occupation Tax Application form. In most cases, a certificate can be issued in approximately 24 hours. Fees are based on the number of people involved in the business. A general information booklet for new
Private cable television companies are provided franchises by either Georgia or Athens-Clarke County to operate and utilize the public rights-of-way. Cable problems should initially be addressed with cable companies directly. Citizens with continued service issues after contacting the company may contact the ACC Public Information Office at 706-613-3795.

Sidewalk cafes on public rights-of-way are administered and permitted by the ACC Central Services Department.

The ACC Leisure Services Department offers more than 50 camps every summer. Camp listings are available online and on ACTV.

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The ACC Board of Elections

The mission of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce is to serve its members by developing an environment conducive to business. The building location serves as a “one stop shop” for business in Athens by housing not only the Chamber of Commerce, but also the ACC Economic Development Department, the Industrial Development Authority, and the Athens Cultural Affairs Commission. Visitors may stop by to obtain maps and relocation packages.

The CHaRM is a one-stop drop-off location for items that cannot be recycled at the curb or at other Athens-Clarke County recycling drop-off sites. A full list of acceptable items is available online.

The Charter of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County was adopted on August 7, 1990 and businesses is available from the Finance Department, the Public Information Office, and the ACC website.
details the government’s structure, functions, and organization. Copies of the charter are available from the Clerk of Commission or on the ACC website.

Checks (Bad) – 706-613-3310 ext. 4
The ACC Magistrate Court’s Criminal and Bad Check Division accepts reports from both businesses and individuals who have received a bad check.

Child Abuse and Neglect – 706-227-7021 / 911 (Emergency)
dfcs.dhs-georgia.gov/clarke-county-dfcs-office
Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) (see also: Family and Children Services, Division of)

Child Support Services – 877-423-4746 (GA Hotline)
www.ocss.dhs.georgia.gov
GA Department of Human Services
850 Hawthorne Avenue

Christmas Parade, Downtown (see: Downtown Athens Parade of Lights)

Citizens Police Academy – 706-613-3330
This 13-week course is held twice a year by the ACC Police Department to expose citizens to the inner workings of its functional units.

City Hall
301 College Avenue
City Hall houses ACC’s Mayor’s Office, Manager’s Office, Public Information Office, ACTV, Operational Analysis Office, Clerk of Commission, SPLOST Program Management, and Commission Chambers (see also: individual entries).

Clarke County School District – 706-546-7721
www.clarke.k12.ga.us
440-1 Dearing Extension
The Clarke County School District is a separate entity from the Unified Government and consists of all public elementary, middle, and high schools in the county. The Board of Education is made up of nine members elected by districts to four-year terms.

www.classiccenter.com
300 North Thomas Street
The Classic Center contains meeting and exhibit space, a performing arts theatre, and breakout space in a series of renovated warehouses. It also houses the offices for the Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau (see also: Convention and Visitors Bureau, Athens).

Classic City Tours – 706-353-1820
www.athenswelcomecenter.com
290 E. Dougherty Street
The Athens Welcome Center offers guided tours on a 19-passenger bus.

Clerk of Commission – 706-613-3031
www.athensclarkecounty.com/clerkofcommission
City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Suite 204
The ACC Clerk of the Commission directs the activities necessary to prepare for Commission meetings and dispenses information regarding the decisions and actions of the Commission. Agendas and other information can be found on the ACC website.

Clerk of Superior and State Courts – 706-613-3190
www.athensclarkecounty.com
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 450
The Clerk of Superior & State Courts is the Clerk of Superior Court and the Clerk of State Court. The Clerk of Superior & State Courts keeps the official record of all civil and criminal actions filed in each court, Courts’ minutes, notary appointments, and requested filings of DD2-14 forms from US Military Service personnel (certificate of release or discharge from active duty). The Clerk of Superior Court is also the official custodian for all land records.

Code Enforcement Division – 706-613-3790
www.athensclarkecounty.com/codeenforcement
120 West Dougherty Street
The ACC Code Enforcement Division (formerly known as the Community Protection Division) is a division of the ACC Building Permits and Inspections Department and responsible for code compliance and enforcement.

Code of Ordinances (see: Ordinances)

Commission of Athens-Clarke County
www.athensclarkecounty.com/commission
The Commission is the governing authority of Athens-Clarke County and consists of 10 members, each representing a geographical district. As a result, each ACC citizen has two direct representatives, including the Mayor. Terms last four years and are staggered. The Mayor serves as the Chair of the Commission and can only vote in case of a tie. The Commission normally holds its regular voting session on the first Tuesday of each month and an agenda-setting session on the third Tuesday of each month, except in the case of holidays or elections. Both meetings are televised live and rebroadcast on ACTV, as well as available live and on-demand online at www.athensclarkecounty.com/videos. Among powers conferred by the Charter,
the Commission has the power to set tax rates, adopt a budget, and establish policy through the adoption of ordinances and resolutions. For more information about the Commission, contact the Clerk of Commission at 706-613-3031 or visit the ACC website (see also: Clerk of Commission; Mayor and Commission contact information on p. 7; district map on p. 6).

Commissions (see: Boards, Authorities and Commissions)

Community Affairs, GA Department of (DCA) – 800-359-4663 / 706-369-5636 [Athens Regional Office – Rental Assistance]
www.dca.gao.gov
1061 Dowdy Road, Suite 201 (Athens Regional Office - Rental Assistance)
DCA operates a host of state and federal grant programs; serves as the state’s lead agency in housing finance and development; promulgates building codes to be adopted by local governments; provides comprehensive planning, technical, and research assistance to local governments; and serves as the lead agency for the state’s solid waste reduction efforts (see also: Housing Choice Voucher Program).

Community Capacity Development Office (formerly Weed and Seed) – 706-613-3358
Police Department, East Substation – 385 Fairview Street
Since 1998, the ACC Police Department has been awarded a Weed and Seed grant from the US Department of Justice. The strategy is two-pronged: “weeding out” of criminal elements in target neighborhoods and “seeding” the area with human services to encourage prevention and neighborhood revitalization. The target area includes East Athens, Northeast Athens, Newtown, Boulevard/Buena Vista, and Spring Valley/Woodridge (see also: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance).

Community Connection of Northeast Georgia (see: United Way)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – 706-613-3155
ACC Housing and Community Development Department CDBG is a federal grant program administered locally that provides direct benefits to low and moderate income families and individuals concerning housing and economic development opportunities. These grants create jobs and job training programs and also fund single-family housing construction and repairs, as well as community infrastructure improvements.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – 706-613-3410
ACC Emergency Management Office
This program trains citizens to assist their neighbors during emergencies and disasters, provide immediate assistance to victims, organize volunteers at a disaster site, and assist with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community.

Community Forestry Coordinator – 706-613-3561
www.athensclarkecounty.com/landscape
The ACC Community Forestry Coordinator, based in the ACC Central Services Department's Landscape Management Division, is responsible for implementing the Community Tree Program to support public and private tree conservation and management.

Community Protection Division (CPD) (see: Code Enforcement Division)

Community Rooms
A number of ACC departments offer rooms and meeting spaces for use by the general public and community groups. Rental fees may apply and vary by facility. Community rooms available include:

- Central Services – 706-613-3530
  ◦ Courthouse Atrium

- Fire Department – 706-613-3360
  ◦ Station #3 (1198 South Milledge Avenue, Five Points)
  ◦ Station #4 (900 Oglethorpe Avenue)
  ◦ Station #7 (2350 Barnett Shoals Road)
  ◦ Station #8 (3955 Jefferson Road)
  ◦ Station #9 (1650 Danielsville Road)

- Leisure Services
  ◦ Bishop Park - 706-613-3589
  ◦ East Athens Community Center – 706-613-3593
  ◦ East Athens Educational Dance Center – 706-613-3624
  ◦ Lay Park – 706-613-3596
  ◦ Lyndon House Arts Center – 706-613-3623
  ◦ Memorial Park – 706-613-3580
  ◦ Morton Theatre – 706-613-3770
  ◦ Rocksprings Community Center – 706-613-3603
  ◦ Quinn Hall – 706-613-3580
  ◦ Sandy Creek Nature Center – 706-613-3615
  ◦ Sandy Creek Park – 706-613-3631

- Police Department – 706-613-3888
  ◦ East Precinct / Headquarters Community Room

- Public Utilities
  ◦ Customer Service Center (124 Hancock Avenue) – 706-613-3470
  ◦ Water Resource Center Presentation/Training Room (780 Barber Street) – 706-613-3481
Community Tree Council – 706-613-3565 / 706-613-3561 [Community Forester]  
www.athenstrees.com  
The Community Tree Council (CTC) offers programs and events for the local government, the private sector, and citizen groups in order to provide resource information, outreach, and education about tree management. The Council also promotes sustainability and responsible stewardship of community trees. The ACC Community Forestry Coordinator serves on the Council (see also: Community Forestry Coordinator).

Community Tree Program (see: Community Forestry Coordinator)

Compost – 706-613-3508 / 706-613-3512 [Site Tours] / 706-613-3501 ext. 308 [Backyard Bins]  
www.athensclarkecounty.com/compost  
Landfill, 5700 Lexington Road  
The ACC Landfill operates a commercial composting facility designed to handle a high volume of organic material. The compost is produced using bio-solids collected from ACC’s water reclamation facilities and leaf and limb debris collection. Compost can be purchased by the cubic yard or by the bucket at the landfill (see also: Master Composter).

Comprehensive Plan – 706-613-3515  
www.athensclarkecounty.com/planning  
ACC Planning Department  
The purpose of the Community Comprehensive Plan is to help the community address critical issues and opportunities while moving toward realization of a unique vision for the future. Comprehensive plans for every local government in Georgia are guided by state statute and must meet the planning requirements established by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Athens-Clarke County and the City of Winterville adopted plans in March 1999 and July 2008. The Five-Year Update was completed in June 2013. The next task will be the ten-year review to be completed in 2018 (see also: Future Development Map/Plan; Development Standards; Zoning Code).

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Computer Information Services Department (see: Information Technology Department)

Concealed Weapon Permit (see: Firearms Permit)

Conservation Ranger (Game Warden) – 706-595-4211

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Conservation Ranger (Game Warden) – 706-595-4211
Coroner – 706-613-3999  
www.athensclarkecounty.com/coroner  
The primary mission of the Coroner’s office is to hold investigations and inquests regarding persons having died by unlawful, violent, suicidal, or mysterious means.

Corrections – 706-613-3400  
www.athensclarkecounty.com/corrections  
2825 County Farm Road  
The ACC Corrections Department provides a humane and safe environment for inmates, staff, and the community at large through the use of modern correctional management techniques and supervision. The department manages the Correctional Facility and the Diversion Center (see also: Diversion Center).

Cottage, The – 706-546-1133 (Office) / 706-353-1912 or 877-363-1912 (24-Hour Hotline)  
www.northgeorgiacottage.org  
3019 Lexington Road  
The Cottage provides intervention, advocacy, referrals, and support to survivors and families impacted by child abuse and sexual assault, and provides sexual assault prevention education and awareness to the community. It was formerly known as the Sexual Assault Center of Northeast Georgia.

Council on Aging, Athens Community – 706-549-4850  
www.accaging.org  
135 Hoyt Street  
A resource for education, information, referral, counseling, support, and general assistance for older persons, including a Meals on Wheels program, Adult Day Care Center, and Senior Center.

Court Administrator – 706-613-3161  
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 400  
The Court Administrator provides a broad range of management and administrative services to the Juvenile, Magistrate, Municipal, Probate, State, and Superior Courts of Athens-Clarke County.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) – 706-613-1922  
www.athensoconeecasa.org  
The CASA program is an organization of volunteers who advocate in the juvenile court system for abused and neglected children, helping them find safe, permanent homes. A trained CASA volunteer assesses the child’s situation and reports to the judge on the child’s best interests.

Court, Bankruptcy (see: Bankruptcy Court)

Court, Federal (see: Federal Court)

Courthouse [Athens-Clarke County]  
325 East Washington Street  
The ACC Courthouse houses ACC’s Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program, Clerk of Superior & State Courts, Court Administrator, District Attorney, DUI/Drug Court, Family Dependency Treatment Court, Felony Drug Court, Juvenile Court, Law Library, Magistrate Court, Municipal Court, Probate Court, Records Room, Sheriff’s Office, Solicitor-General, State Court, Superior Court, Tax Assessor’s Office, Tax Commissioner’s Office, Treatment and Accountability Court, and Veterans Court (see also: individual entries).

Courthouse [Federal] (see: Federal Court)

Courts, Athens-Clarke County (see: Alternative Dispute Resolution; Court Administrator; Drug Court; Juvenile Court; Magistrate Court; Municipal Court; Probate Court; State Court; Superior Court; Treatment and Accountability Court, Veterans Court entries)

Crime Prevention – 706-613-3358 ext. 235  
ACC Police Department East Substation  
385 Fairview Street

Crime Reports (see: Police Department)

Crime Stoppers Tip Line – 706-705-4775  
Callers with information about a crime that has been committed in Athens-Clarke County can speak directly to an operator between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. Callers can leave messages if they call outside of this time frame. To ensure confidentiality, citizens calling the tip line do not leave their names, but are assigned a number to guarantee anonymity.

Criminal Investigations – 706-613-3337  
ACC Police Department

Criminal Records (see: Background Check)

Crisis Line (GA) – 800-715-4225 (24 Hour Hotline)  
Mental health, substance abuse, and crisis and emergency services.

Cruising  
Motor vehicles, except for excluded vehicles, cannot pass the same traffic point in a no-cruising zone on any day of the week between midnight and 4:00 a.m. within any one hour period more than three times. The no-cruising zone is designated as the area enclosed by Broad Street, Pulaski Street, Hancock Avenue, and
Foundry Street downtown. Excluded vehicles include vehicles for business purposes and permitted special events, as well as those used by residents of no-cruising zones traveling to a specific destination.

**Cultural Affairs Commission, Athens**
www.athensclarkecounty.com/acac
Advises the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government on cultural affairs and the aesthetic development of the built environment (**see also: Boards, Authorities, and Commissions**).

**D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) – 706-613-3250**
The D.A.R.E. program is for elementary and middle school students taught by experienced and selected ACC Sheriff’s Office-certified deputies. It presents lessons on drug and gang awareness, as well as dealing with life problems such as peer pressure, good and bad consequences, and making good decisions.

**DD2-14 Form (see: Clerk of Superior and State Courts)**

**Dead Animals (see: Animal, Dead Removal)**

**Death Certificates – 706-389-6921**
www.publichealthathens.com
The GA Health Department maintains a collection of death certificates for those who have died in Athens-Clarke County. There is a fee for the general public for a death certificate (**see also: Health Department**).

**Decks, Parking**
- **Behind Classic Center** – Managed by the Classic Center (706-357-4444 / 706-208-0900)
- **College Avenue** – Managed by the Downtown Athens Parking System (706-613-7978)
- **Courthouse** – Managed by ACC Central Services Department (706-613-3552 / 706-613-3530)
- **University of Georgia (8 decks)** – Managed by UGA Parking Services (706-542-7275)
- **West Washington Street** – Managed by the Downtown Athens Parking System (706-613-7978)

**Deeds – 706-613-3190**
ACC Clerk of Superior and State Courts
Deed records are housed in the Real Estate / Deeds Room (ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 450). Index information from 1998 to within 14 days of current date is available at www.gsccca.org.

**Curfew, Juvenile – 706-613-3345**
ACC Police Department
By local ordinance, it is unlawful in many instances for unsupervised minors under the age of 18 to loiter, wander, stroll, or play in public places at night between 11:00 p.m. (midnight on Fridays and Saturdays) and 5:00 a.m. and during school days between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Exceptions are detailed in the Code of Ordinances (**see also: Ordinances**).

**Defender, Public (see: Public Defender)**

**Definition of Family (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)**

**Demonstrations (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)**

**Development Standards – 706-613-3515**
ACC Planning Department
The Development Standards establish guidelines and performance measures for the development of specific site design standards, subdivision of property, environmental areas, street and greenway dedications, as well as on- and off-street parking. The Zoning and Development Standards are collectively called the Development Regulations (**see also: Comprehensive Plan; Future Development Map / Plan; Zoning Code**). **Development Services – 706-613-3233 ext. 234**
www.athensbusiness.org
The Development Coordinator, housed in ACC’s Economic Development Department, serves as a point of contact and liaison between the development community, business community, and ACC staff and officials. The Development Coordinator can provide assistance determining the process a proposed project will need to follow and code requirements needed for permitting and completion, whether the project is installation of a backyard fence or construction of a multi-million dollar industrial facility.

**DFCS (see: Family and Children Services, Division of)**

**Digging (Private Property) (see: Utilities Protection Services)**

**Disabilities, Commission on People with**
This commission recommends programs to the Mayor and Commission and the private sector to increase acceptance and full participation of persons with
disabilities in the life of the community (see also: Boards, Authorities and Commissions).

**Disability Parking Permit – 706-613-3130**
dor.georgia.gov/documents/forms
GA Department of Revenue
3700 Atlanta Hwy. (inside the Georgia Square Mall)
An affidavit form from the GA Department of Revenue must be submitted to the ACC Tag Office.

**Disability Transportation** (see: LIFT Information)

**Discharge Papers (Military – DD2-14 Forms)** (see: Clerk of Superior and State Courts)

**Disorderly Conduct** (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)

**Dispossessory Warrant** (see: Evictions)

**District Attorney – 706-613-3240**
www.athensclarkecounty.com/da
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 370
The ACC District Attorney’s Office is responsible for prosecuting all criminal offenses, felonies and misdemeanors, as well as certain civil actions such as drug, gambling, and bond forfeitures in the Superior Courts of the Western Judicial Circuit. These prosecutions, both civil and criminal, are generated primarily by the police agencies operating in and around this jurisdiction.

**District Court** (see: United States District Court)

**Diversion Center – 706-613-2022**
www.athensclarkecounty.com/corrections
2725 Lexington Road
The center is operated by the ACC Corrections Department and provides quality cost-effective management of non-violent offenders whose confinement in traditional incarceration would limit them from more quickly integrating into society. It also help build skills sets to encourage successful re-entry back into the community.

**Divorce Filing – 706-613-3190**
ACC Clerk of Superior and State Courts
Divorce records are maintained in the Clerk of Superior and State Courts Office. If citizens of Athens-Clarke County are planning to file for divorce, it is suggested they seek an attorney for legal advice prior to contacting the Clerk of Superior and State Courts. The public may call the number listed here with questions about the status of divorces that have already been filed.

**Do Not Call List** (see: National Do Not Call List)

**Dogs** (see: Adoption, Animal; Animal Control; Dog Parks; Leash Law; selected ordinances on p. 10)

**Dog Parks**
www.athensclarkecounty.com/dogparks
Off-leash dog parks can be found at ACC Leisure Services’ Sandy Creek Park, Memorial Park, and Southeast Clarke Park, as well as at UGA’s Lake Herrick (see also: individual entries; selected ordinances on p. 10).

**Door-to-Door Sales – 706-613-3050 (Permits) / 706-613-3345 or 706-613-3790 (Report Violations)**
Individuals selling items door-to-door must have a vending permit from the ACC Finance Department and display a vendor badge. They may not sell on properties posted with ‘No Solicitation’ signs. Violators may be reported to the ACC Police Department or to the ACC Code Enforcement Division.

**Dougherty Street Governmental Building**
120 West Dougherty Street
This building houses an auditorium, as well as ACC’s Building Permits and Inspections Department, Code Enforcement Division, Planning Department, and Transportation and Public Works Department (see also: individual entries).

**Downtown Athens Parade of Lights – 706-613-3800**
www.athensclarkecounty.com/parade
This annual tradition celebrates the beginning of the holiday season with a parade and lighting of the community Christmas tree downtown. It is held on the first Thursday in December. The parade is coordinated by the ACC Leisure Services Department.

**Downtown Athens Parking System (DAPS) – 706-613-7978**
www.downtownathensga.org
College Avenue (200 block) Parking deck
DAPS is a division of the Athens Downtown Development Authority established in 1993. It manages Athens-Clarke County on- and off-street parking facilities including parking meters, off-street lots, and the College Avenue and West Washington Street Parking Decks (see also: Athens Downtown Development Authority; Parking Tickets).

**Downtown Development Authority** (see: Athens Downtown Development Authority)
Drainage, Street – 706-613-3465
ACC Transportation and Public Works Department – Streets and Drainage Division
605 Spring Valley Road

Driver Services, Georgia Department of – 706-552-4427 (Recording) / 678-413-8400 [State]
www.dds.ga.gov
1505 Highway 29 North
Closed Mondays, open Tuesdays – Saturdays
This office issues driver licenses and Georgia ID cards.

Driver’s License (see entry above)

Drought Information (see: Public Utilities Department)

Drug Card (see: Prescription Drug Discount Card)

Drug Courts
The ACC Drug Courts provide a non-traditional approach to sentencing criminal offenders who are drug and/or alcohol addicted (see also: Veterans Court).
• DUI / Drug Court (State Court) – 706-613-3206
  www.athensclarkecounty.com/duidrugcourt
  ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 430
• Felony Drug Court (Superior Court) – 706-208-7078
  ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 210

Drug Hotline – 706-613-3295
ACC Police Department – Drug Task Force
Citizens may call this hotline at any time to report illegal drug activity. Calls can be anonymous.

Drug Lab, Athens – 706-613-3206
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 430
The Athens Drug Lab is part of the ACC State Court’s DUI/Drug Court program. It is currently available to the courts for court-ordered drug and alcohol screens. The Athens Drug Lab also is available to provide drug and alcohol screening to government agencies and local businesses.

Drugs & Other Addictive Diseases Services (see: Advantage Behavioral Health Systems)

Dudley Park – 706-613-3801
www.athensclarkecounty.com/dudley
100 Dudley Drive
This 8.5-acre park is owned and operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department. It features picnic tables and trails along the North Oconee River. It is named after former City of Athens Mayor A.J. Dudley.

DUI/Drug Court (see: Drug Courts)

Dumping, Illegal – 706-613-3790
ACC Code Enforcement Division

Early Voting (see: Advance Voting)

East Athens Community Center – 706-613-3593
www.athensclarkecounty.com/eastathens
400 McKinley Drive
This facility is owned and operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department. It is equipped with a gymnasium, full-service kitchen, multi-purpose room, resource library, computer lab, game room, sports fields, swimming pool, picnic shelter, and playground. It offers year-round programs for children and adults.

East Athens Community Park (see: Trail Creek Park)

East Athens Development Corporation (EADC) – 706-208-0048
www.eadcinc.com
410 McKinley Drive, Suite 101
EADC provides neighborhood revitalization, community-based micro-enterprise, job development, and affordable housing initiatives.

East Athens Educational Dance Center – 706-613-3624
www.athensclarkecounty.com/dance
390 McKinley Drive
This facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department offers year-round dance classes for children and adults and an annual production at the Morton Theatre.

Economic Development Department – 706-613-3233
www.athensbusiness.org
246 W. Hancock Avenue, Chamber of Commerce Building
The ACC Economic Development Department is the primary point of contact for industries, large commercial developments, site location consultants, and state economic development organizations interested in developing, expanding, or locating new or expanded businesses in Athens-Clarke County.

Education, Board of (see: Clarke County School District)
Elderly Services (see: Council on Aging, Athens Community)

Elections (see: Board of Elections)

Electricity (see: Utilities)

Electronics, Recycling (see: CHaRM; Landfill; list of accepted items for recycling on p. 13)

Emergencies – 911
For fire, police, animal control, or medical emergencies.

Emergency Management Office – 706-613-3410
www.athensclarkecounty.com/ema
1650 Danielsville Road
The local Emergency Management Administrator develops and updates government plans for responding to and recovering from natural and man-made disasters, assists the general public in learning preparedness for all types of hazards, and coordinates emergency resources, among other duties.

Emergency Medical Services are provided in Athens-Clarke County by National EMS, a private company.

Emergency Water or Sewer Service – 706-613-3495 / 706-613-3481 [After Hours]
ACC Public Utilities Department
ACC is responsible for water and sewer leaks on public streets, rights-of-way, and easements. If a leak is on private property (between the water meter and the house), an independent plumber should be called. If it is uncertain where the leak lies (public or private property), call ACC Public Utilities for assistance.

Environmental Coordinator – 706-613-3530 ext. 255
www.athensclarkecounty.com/green
ACC Central Services Department
This position’s duties include: supporting Unified Government departments on environmentally-related projects and programs; interacting with community and university groups and agencies on environmental topics; monitoring planning and zoning requests for potential environmental issues; serving as the LEED policy coordinator on Unified Government construction and renovation projects; leading the development of a Sustainability Plan; providing interdepartmental coordination of the Green Space Program; and working on electric vehicle readiness initiatives.

Environmental Health Division (see: Health Department)

Envision Athens – 706-613-3020
www.envisionathens.com
Envision Athens is a community-wide effort to develop a common vision for the future of the Athens-Clarke County community. This process will result in a strategy to guide community and economic development for the next 20 years.

Equalization, Board of – 706-613-3140
This three-member board is appointed by the Grand Jury to hear appeals on property values and exemptions. Members are appointed for three-year terms and answer to a Superior Court Judge. The independent board sets the date and time for hearings, hears evidence from both the taxpayer and the ACC Tax Assessor’s office, and makes a decision on the value of the property/exemption. If either party disagrees with the decision, it may be appealed to the Superior Court.

Estates – 706-613-3321
The Estates Division of the Probate Court issues probate wills as required by law and deals with petitions involving estates, guardianship of person and property of minors, and incapacitated adults.

Events, Special and/or Outdoor
Any organized activity having as its purpose entertainment, recreation, and/or education (such as a festival, celebration, foot/vehicle race, parade, march, rally, or assembly) that takes place on a public street, sidewalk, or right-of-way, or occurs on private property and impacts government services on public rights-of-way, must submit an application to the ACC Central Services Department at least 60 days in advance. All outdoor events with commercial entertainment or amplification must be registered with the ACC Police
Department at least 72 hours beforehand. Registration for events falling during Sunday – Thursday, 11:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m., or Saturday and Sunday mornings, midnight – 7:00 a.m., will not be accepted. Special event permit applications are available online at the ACC website at www.athensclarkecounty.com/centralservices (see also: Demonstrations; Picketing; selected ordinances on p. 10).

Evictions
Owners or agents wishing to evict a tenant must first file a dispossessory warrant affidavit in the Magistrate Court. Dispossessory warrants are then served by the Sheriff’s Office (see also: Magistrate Court; Sheriff’s Office).

Exploring Programs
Exploring is a career education program for young men and women who are 14-20 years old. The ACC Police Department (706-613-3330), the ACC Sheriff’s Office (706-613-3250), and the ACC Fire Department (706-613-3360) all have groups.

Extension Service (see: Cooperative Extension)

Family and Children Services, Division of – 706-227-7021 [Region 5]  
www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov  
284 North Avenue  
TTThe Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) investigates reports of child abuse; finds foster and adoptive homes for abused and neglected children; issues SNAP, Medicaid, TANF and child care assistance to low-income families; helps out-of-work parents get back on their feet; and provides numerous support services and innovative programs to help families in need. (see also: Medicaid).

Family Connection / Communities in Schools – 706-369-9732  
www.clarke.gafcp.org  
This partnership is designated the planning body for services for children and families in Athens-Clarke County and brings together more than 100 partners to address their needs. The goals are to improve child health, child development, school performance, family functioning, and family economic capacity.

Family, Definition of
Single-family dwelling units in Athens-Clarke County cannot have more than a certain number of unrelated individuals residing in them. The number depends upon the zoning classification for the property. For zoning information about a property, contact the ACC Planning Department (706-613-3515). To report violations, contact the ACC Code Enforcement Division (706-613-3790) (see also: selected ordinances on p. 10).

Family Protection Center  
2795 Lexington Road  
The Family Protection Center provides a single location/facility for collaborative services between multiple agencies such as the GA Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS), the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE), Project Safe, the ACC Police Department, The Cottage of NE GA, and the District Attorney that work with child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence cases (see also: individual entries).

Family Dependency Treatment Court – 706-613-3300  
www.athensclarkecounty.com  
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 115  
The Athens-Clarke County Family Dependency Treatment Court is a program through Juvenile Court that aims to break the cycle of addiction and resulting neglect through monitored service delivery, limit foster care stays for affected children, address and influence substance abuse in deprivation cases in order to ensure the safety and well-being of children, and facilitate healthy family reunification (see also: Juvenile Court).

FBI (see: Federal Bureau of Investigations)

Federal Building (see: Robert G. Stephens Federal Building)

Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) – 706-549-6477 [Athens]  
atlanta.fbi.gov  
Robert G. Stephens Federal Building  
355 Hancock Avenue, Room 336  
The Athens Resident Agency covers 10 counties and is part of the Atlanta Division.

Federal Court (US District Court) – 706-227-1094  
www.gamd.uscourts.gov  
US Post Office and Federal Courthouse  
115 East Hancock Avenue, 2nd Floor  
Athens is part of Middle District of Georgia, which has its main office in Macon (478-752-3506).
Federal Government Information (see: United States Government Information)

Federation of Neighborhood and Community Associations
www.accneighborhoods.org
The Federation studies and informs neighborhood groups and citizens about local issues affecting them.

Felony Drug Court (see: Drug Courts)

Fences – 706-613-3515
Fence installation requires a Zoning Permit from the ACC Planning Department.

Feral Cats (see: Cats)

Finance Department – 706-613-3040
www.athensclarkecounty.com/finance
Satula Building, 375 Satula Avenue
The ACC Finance Department directs the financial operations and budget management activities of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government. The divisions are Accounting, Financial Services, Management and Budget, and Purchasing (see also: Budget; Purchasing).

Fingerprinting
The ACC Police Department (706-613-3330), UGA Police Department (706-542-5813), and ACC Sheriff’s Office (706-613-3250) offer fingerprinting services for a fee to citizens applying for jobs.

Fire and Emergency Services Department – 706-613-3360
www.athensclarkecounty.com/fire
The ACC Fire and Emergency Services Department is a progressive and responsive department dedicated to the preservation of life and property through prevention, education, mitigation, preparation, response, and recovery programs (see also: Burning; Fire Marshal; Fire Reports).
- Administration / Station #1 – 700 College Avenue
- Station #2 – 3500 Atlanta Highway
- Station #3 – 1198 South Milledge Avenue
- Station #4 – 900 Oglethorpe Avenue
- Station #5 – 1090 Whit Davis Road
- Station #6 – 580 Athena Drive
- Station #7 – 2350 Barnett Shoals Road
- Station #8 – 3955 Jefferson Road
- Station #9 – 1650 Danielsville Road
- Fire Training Center – 155 Paradise Boulevard

Fire Marshal – 706-613-3365
The ACC Fire Department’s Fire Marshal manages the Fire Prevention Bureau by supervising fire inspections/investigations; promoting fire safety through code enforcement; reviewing and approving building construction plans; issuing permits; and directing fire safety education programs.

Firearms Permit – 706-613-3320
The Probate Court issues firearms permits to Athens-Clarke County residents 21 years or older who want to carry a firearm on their person or in their vehicle (concealed carry). Background checks and fingerprinting are required for each applicant. Fees are required by both the Probate Court and the Sheriff's Office.

Fire Reports – 706-613-3360
Available at the ACC Fire Department Administrative Offices (700 College Avenue) for a fee.

Fires (see: Burning)

Fishing (ACC Leisure Services areas)
Fishing is allowed along the Greenway, at Ben Burton Park, at Memorial Park, and at Sandy Creek Park with a valid Georgia Department of Natural Resources fishing license (see also: Fishing and Hunting Licenses).

Fishing and Hunting Licenses – 706-613-3800 / 800-366-2661
www.georgiawildlife.com
The Georgia Department of Natural Resources administers hunting and fishing licenses and regulations. Licenses are available over the phone, online, and from some local retailers (see also: Hunter Education).

Fleet Management – 706-613-3447
225 Newton Bridge Road
The Fleet Management Division of the ACC Central Services Department maintains Unified Government vehicles.

Flu Shots – 706-389-6921
GA Health Department Main Office
345 North Harris Street
Flu shots are administered to the public by the GA Health Department. Flu shots may also be available through private retailers and physicians. Shots administration may be restricted by age and/or health conditions.
Food Banks
- Athens Area Emergency Food Bank – 706-353-8182
  640 Barber Street
  www.athensfoodbank.org
- Food Bank of Northeast Georgia – 706-354-8191
  861 Newton Bridge Road
  www.foodbanknega.org
- Food Bank Referral – 706-549-1142

Food Education (see: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education)

Food Preservation and Safety – 706-613-3640
Cooperative Extension answers questions and provides instructions to residents in food safety and proper preservation of foods through canning, freezing, and dehydration methods. (see: Cooperative Extension)

Food Stamps (see: Family and Children Services, Division of)

Food Trucks – 706-613-3530
ACC Central Services Department
Food trucks and other mobile food vendors can provide food for sale to the general public in specific areas and at certain times once permitted by the ACC Central Services Department. Applications are available at www.athensclarkecounty.com/centralservices.

Foreclosure Auctions
These are conducted by private banks and/or attorneys on the first Tuesday every month at 10:00 a.m. on the steps of the ACC Courthouse. Announcements are placed in the legal organ newspaper prior to auctions (see also: Foreclosures; Tax Sales Auctions).

Foreclosures – 706-613-3190 ext. 4
ACC Clerk of Superior & State Courts records documents that pertain to foreclosures, but no information is provided over the phone. Contact a lawyer for information or with questions. A fee is charged for each copy of documents (see also: Foreclosure Auctions).

Forestry Commission (see: Georgia Forestry Commission; Burn Permits)

Forestry Coordinator, Community (see: Community Forestry Coordinator)

Foster Homes / Foster Children
www.homein5.net
(see: Family and Children Services, Division of)

4-H (see: Cooperative Extension)

Freeport Exemption – 706-613-3140
ACC Tax Assessors Office
Freeport exemptions in Athens-Clarke County allow 100% of the inventory of qualified manufacturers under certain conditions to be exempt from taxation.

Future Development Map / Plan – 706-613-3515
ACC Planning Department
The Future Development Map is prepared as part of the Comprehensive Plan. It graphically displays the geographic arrangement of desired land uses for the entire county to a defined date in the future. Athens-Clarke County’s map uses a 20-year planning period and is applicable through the year 2018. The Future Development Plan is intended to serve as a reference document for evaluating land use decisions (see also: Comprehensive Plan; Development Standards; Zoning Code).

Gambling Helpline
800-699-7117 / 800-715-4225 (Crisis Hotline)
www.gagamblinghelpline.org
GA Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities & Addictive Diseases

Game Warden (see: Conservation Ranger)

Garage Sales – 706-613-3515
ACC Planning Department
Garage sales are considered temporary, non-commercial activity conducted on the premises of a private residence for the purpose of the disposal of goods or belongings of the residents of the dwelling. Garage sales cannot be longer than two days and cannot occur more than twice in any 365-day period. Off-premises garage sale signs are not allowed and all signs should be out of the right-of-way.

Garbage Bags, Downtown – 706-613-3501 ext. 0
ACC Solid Waste Department
Clear garbage bags purchased from Athens-Clarke County are used for commercial and residential garbage collection and recycling in the Downtown...
Business District. Bags are available at the Athens Downtown Development Authority’s Parking Services Office (287 College Ave), the ACC Solid Waste Department (725 Hancock Industrial Way), and the ACC Water Business Office (124 E. Hancock Avenue). Bulk orders can also be delivered by the ACC Solid Waste Department.

Garbage Collection – 706-613-3501
The ACC Solid Waste Department provides residential collection and disposal services for garbage and recycling within the Urban Service District. Various private haulers serve outside of this area. Additionally, the ACC Solid Waste Department provides commercial collection county-wide. A list of private haulers is available at www.athensclarkecounty.com/1318/Private-Haulers (see also: Solid Waste).

Gardener, Master (see: Master Gardener)

Gardening Tool Bank (see: Tool Shed)

Gardens, Community (see: Community Gardens)

Gas, Natural
Provision of natural gas in Athens-Clarke County is handled by private companies regulated by the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC). A list of certified gas marketers is available at the PSC website (www.psc.state.ga.us). Cooperative Extension also provides consumer education for natural gas customers (see also: Cooperative Extension; Public Service Commission).

GBI (see: Georgia Bureau of Investigation)

Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) – 706-542-7901
www.gbi.georgia.gov
1170 Highway 29 North
The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is an independent, statewide agency that provides assistance to the state’s criminal justice system in criminal investigations, forensic laboratory services, and computerized criminal justice information (see also: Sex Offenders Registry).

Georgia Department of Labor (see: Labor, Georgia Department of)

Georgia Department of Law – Consumer Protection Unit – 404-651-8600 / 800-869-1123
www.consumer.georgia.gov
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 356
Atlanta, GA

Georgia Department of Law’s Consumer Protection Unit is the consumer protection agency for the State of Georgia. The office helps protect consumers from unfair and deceptive acts and practices in consumer transactions. It investigates consumer problems, monitors the marketplace to promote fair and honest competition, takes enforcement action against violators, and publish consumer education materials and alert warnings (see also: Better Business Bureau; National Do Not Call List).

1055 East Whitehall Road
The GA Forestry Commission houses the County Forester office, the Urban and Community Forestry program, the Stewardship and Forestry Help programs, and some state-run forestry programs. The Fire Control office distributes burn permits for the area. These burn permits are for limited burning practice. Most burning in Athens-Clarke County is prohibited (see also: Burning).

Georgia Legal Services Program – 706-227-5362
www.glsp.org
1865 W. Broad Street
No-cost legal services for civil matters of those who cannot afford a lawyer. Individuals seeking criminal defense should contact the Public Defender’s Office (see also: Public Defender).

Georgia Public Safety Training Center Regional Police Academy [Athens] – 706-369-6342
155 Buddy Christian Way

Georgia Government Information – 800-GEORGIA
www.georgia.gov

Georgia State Patrol – 706-552-4439
www.dps.georgia.gov
1505 Highway 29 North
The GA State Patrol investigates traffic crashes and enforces traffic and criminal laws on the state’s roads. They no longer handle driver’s licenses (see: Driver Services, Georgia Department of).

Glass Containers (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)

Governor’s Office of Consumer Affairs (see: Georgia Department of Law - Consumer Protection Unit)

Graffiti Reporting / Removal – 706-613-3440
The ACC Transportation & Public Works Department handles graffiti removal on bridges, street signs, and
some other public rights-of-way materials. Property owners are responsible for removal of graffiti on private property. Report persons who produce graffiti to the ACC Police Department.

**Grass Cutting, Public** *(see: Right-of-Way Maintenance)*

**Greenfest – 706-613-3512**  
www.athensclarkecounty.com/greenfest  
ACC Solid Waste Department  
Greenfest is a community-wide celebration providing citizens with the opportunity to increase their awareness of and interest in improving the environment of their house, yard, business, and community.

**Greenway** *(see: Oconee Rivers Greenway)*

**Green Schools – 706-613-3512**  
www.athensclarkecounty.com/greenschools  
The Green School Program is a project of the ACC Solid Waste Department’s Recycling Division, ACC Public Utilities Department’s Water Conservation Division, ACC Transportation & Public Works Department’s Stormwater Program, Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful, and ACC Planning Department’s Community Arborist. It is designed to assist schools with environmental education and improvement efforts that focus on conservation, preservation, and beautification.

**Grills**
Charcoal and gas grills are prohibited on balconies and on ground level within 10 feet of combustible patios in multi-family housing. Contact the ACC Fire Marshal at 706-613-3365 for details *(see also: Fire Marshal)*.

**Gun Permit** *(see: Firearms Permit)*

**Gymnastics** *(see: Bishop Park)*

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**Habitat for Humanity, Athens Area – 706-208-1001** *(Main Office) / 706-354-0936 (Athens ReStore)*  
www.athenshabitat.com  
532 Barber Street / 4125 Atlanta Highway, Bogart, GA  
Athens Area Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization dedicated to the elimination of substandard housing in Clarke, Oconee, and Oglethorpe counties. The Habitat ReStore takes in new and used home furnishings and sells them at up to 90% off retail cost. All funds raised support Athens Habitat in its continuing effort to eliminate poverty housing in the community.

**Hancock Corridor Development Corporation – 706-546-1154**  
www.hancockcdc.org  
300 Henderson Extension

**Handicap Permits** *(see: Disability Parking Permits)*

**Hands on Athens**
The mission of Hands on Athens is to create a coalition of organizations dedicated to assisting low-income homeowners in historic neighborhoods to maintain, repair, and restore their properties as part of overall neighborhood revitalization. The event is normally held in spring and organized by a sub-committee of the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation *(see also: Heritage Foundation, Athens-Clarke)*.

**Hands on Northeast Georgia** *(see: United Way)*

**HCD** *(see: Housing and Community Development Department)*

**Head Start – 706-546-7721**  
Community Development Institute (CDI)  
440-2 Dearing Extension

**Health Centers, Athens Neighborhood**
These private, non-profit health center clinics were established in 1971 to provide low-cost health care.  
- 675 College Avenue – 706-546-5526 (Spanish translator available)  
- 402 McKinley Drive (Miriam Moore Community Center) – 706-543-1145  
- After-hours emergency – 706-357-9706

**Health Department**  
www.publichealthathens.com  
The GA Health Department is part of the Northeast Health District under the GA Division of Public Health. It provides a range of health services to ACC citizens, including women’s health, child health, school health, disabled children’s services, communicable disease control, chronic disease services, dental health, environmental health, nutrition services, and health education *(see also: Teen Matters; Babies Can’t Wait; Birth Certificates; Death Certificates)*.  
- East Athens Clinic – 706-369-5816  
  410 McKinley Drive (Miriam Moore Community Center)
• Environmental Health Division – 706-583-2658
  189 Paradise Boulevard
• Main Health Department – 706-389-6921 / 706-389-6871 (Birth Certificate Direct Line)
  345 North Harris Street

Heating Assistance (see: ACTION, Inc)

HED (see: Housing and Community Development Department)

Heritage Foundation, Athens-Clarke – 706-353-1801
www.achfonline.org
Firehall No. 2, 489 Prince Avenue
This non-profit organization is concerned with the value of historic buildings, neighborhoods, and heritage. It also operates the Athens Welcome Center (see also: Welcome Center, Athens).

Hiking (see: Trails)

Historic Preservation
www.athensclarkecounty.com/planning
The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is an independent commission that makes recommendations to the Mayor and Commission for the designation of specific places, districts, sites, buildings, structures, objects, or works of art that are determined to be historically significant. The HPC also reviews plans for exterior changes to properties designated under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. The Historic Preservation Planner at the ACC Planning Department serves as staff to the HPC (see also: Boards, Authorities and Commissions; Heritage Foundation, Athens-Clarke; Planning Department).

Historical Information (see: Records, Historical)

Historical Markers – 404-382-5410 (Atlanta Office)
www.georgiahistory.com
The Georgia Historical Society manages the Historical Marker program for Georgia.

Holland Youth Sports Complex – 706-613-3991
www.athensclarkecounty.com/holland
250 Vincent Drive
This facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department opened in 1993 and is named in honor of former Clarke County Commission Chairman Jim Holland. The facility has seven baseball fields and four soccer fields.

Home Economist (see: Cooperative Extension)

HOME Investment Partnerships Program – 706-613-3155
HOME funds come from federal grants administered locally by the ACC Housing and Community Development Department and fund single-family housing construction.

Homeless
• Athens Resource Center for Hope (see: Athens Resource Center for Hope)
• Homeless Day Service Center – 706-354-1154
  95 North Avenue
• Homeless Shelter, Athens Area – 706-354-0423
  www.helpathenshomeless.org
  620 Barber Street
  The shelter’s focus is to provide a transitional facility for homeless women and their children.
• Northeast Georgia Homeless and Poverty Coalition
  northeastgeorgiahomelesscoalition.blogspot.com/
  Coalition of homeless service providers that coordinate shelter options, services, advocacy, and other information to support the needs of the homeless in ACC and the surrounding counties.

Homestead Exemption – 706-613-3120
The ACC Tax Commissioner’s Office allows for a homestead exemption to be granted to residents who own their homes/land on the first day of each year for tax purposes. Each county in Georgia sets its own exemptions. Homeowners may file an application for homestead exemption any time during the year. However, applications must be filed by April 1 for property owned as of January 1 of the taxable year in order to have the exemption apply to the current year’s tax bill (see also: Tax Commissioner).

Hospitals (see: Athens Regional Medical Center; St. Mary’s Hospital)

Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) – 706-613-3155
www.athensclarkecounty.com/hcd
Satula Building, 375 Satula Avenue
The ACC Housing and Community Development Department strives to improve and develop viable neighborhoods by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunity for low- to moderate-income individuals. Formerly known as the Human and Economic Development Department.
Housing and Urban Development (HUD) – 404-331-5001 or 404-331-5136 (Regional Director’s Office) / 800-CALL-FHA (800-225-5342)
www.hud.gov
Five Points Plaza 15th Floor
40 Marietta Street NW, Atlanta, GA

Housing Authority, Athens (AHA) – 706-425-5300
www.athenshousing.org
300 South Rocksprings Street
The AHA is a dependable source of safe and affordable housing for the elderly, disabled individuals, working families, and families in transition. Rents in AHA neighborhoods are income-based. The AHA also provides opportunities for affordable home ownership through ACT I Homes.

Housing Choice Voucher Program – 706-369-5636 / 888-318-0354
GA Department of Community Affairs, (Athens Regional Office) 1061 Dowdy Road, Suite 201
Sometimes referred to as Section 8 Rental Assistance, this is a tenant-based assistance program that assists low-income individuals and families to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market (see also: Community Affairs, GA Department of).

HUD (see: Housing and Urban Development)

Human Resources Department – 706-613-3090 / 706-613-3100 (Job Hotline)
www.athensclarkecounty.com/hr
Satula Building, 375 Satula Avenue
The ACC Human Resources Department provides personnel support services to the various departments and agencies of the Unified Government. Job listings can be viewed on ACTV and browsed online (see also: ACTV schedule on p. 10; Employment; Job Hotline).

Humane Society, Athens Area – 706-769-9155
www.athenshumanesociety.org
1781 Mars Hill Road, Watkinsville, GA
The Athens Area Humane Society (AAHS) is dedicated to providing shelter, care, and medical treatment for unwanted and abandoned animals of the community while finding them homes. The AAHS also runs the Athens Regional Spay & Neuter Center (see also: Animal Control; Animal Shelter; Cats).

Hunter Education
www.georgiawildlife.com
The Hunter Education System is managed by the GA Department of Natural Resources’ Wildlife Resources Division. Information is available online or by calling the Regional Office in Thomson, GA at 770-918-6401 or 706-595-4211 (Law Enforcement).

Hunting (see: Fishing / Hunting License; Hunter Education)

ICE (see: Immigration)

Identification Cards (see: Driver Services, GA Department of)

Identity Theft (see: Police Department; Georgia Department of Law - Consumer Protection Unit)

Immigration
• US Citizenship and Immigration Services Atlanta Field Office – 800-375-5283 (Customer Service)
  www.uscis.gov
  2150 Parklake Drive Atlanta, GA 30345
• US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Atlanta Field Office – 404-893-1210
  www.ice.gov
  180 Spring Street SW, Atlanta, GA 30303

Incident Reports (see: Accident Reports)

Income Tax (see: Tax, Income)

Indigent Defense (see: Public Defender)

Information, Athens-Clarke County Government (see: Public Information Office)

Information, Georgia State Government (see: Georgia State Government Information)

Information, United States Government (see: United States Government Information)

Information Technology Department [IT] – 706-613-3075
www.athensclarkecounty.com/it
596 Prince Avenue
The ACC Information Technology Department, formerly the Computer Information Services Department, provides high quality computer services, state-of-the-art
computer networks and software applications, reliable equipment and system access, proficient technical support, and assistance that encourages the application of technology to improve the efficiency and productivity of Athens-Clarke County operations.

Inmates, Jail (see: Jail)

Insurance and Fire Safety Commissioner – 800-656-2298 (toll free) / 404-656-2070
www.gainsurance.org

Jail – 706-613-3270
www.athensclarkecounty.com/sheriff
3015 Lexington Road
The ACC Jail is operated by the Sheriff’s Office and as a temporary holding facility for persons arrested for criminal offenses or local ordinance violations; persons being held for probation/parole violation, contempt of court, or offenses committed in another county or state; and offenders sentenced to incarceration in the jail or another correctional facility. A list of inmates and recently arrested individuals can be found on the ACC website. The ACC Jail Commander can schedule tours of the jail for groups. Video visitation details:

• **Monday-Friday**
  9:00-10:30 a.m. / 1:00-4:00 p.m. / 7:00-9:00 p.m.

• **Saturday & Sunday**
  11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. / 7:00-9:00 p.m.

• **Female inmate workers only**
  Sundays - 1:00-2:00 p.m.

• **Male inmate workers only**
  Saturdays - 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Job Hotline, Athens-Clarke County – 706-613-3100
Provides information on employment opportunities with the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County. Information and job vacancies are also available through the ACC website at www.athensclarkecounty.com/jobs or on ACTV (see also: Employment; ACTV schedule on p. 12).

Jobs, Area (see: Labor, Georgia Department of)

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) – 706-546-2008 / 800-829-1040 (Assistance for Individuals)
www.irs.gov

Internships with Athens-Clarke County
Internship opportunities are available to students with a number of Athens-Clarke County departments including Finance, Leisure Services, various courts, Planning, and the Public Information Office (see also: individual department entries).

Intoxication (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)

Jurot Call-In – 706-613-3199
Superior Court juries only. Jurors may enter the courthouse parking deck on Hancock Avenue between Jackson and Thomas streets.

Jobs, Summer with Athens-Clarke County (see: Summer Employment)

JobTV
A service of the GA Department of Labor and ACTV, JobTV shows area jobs and job-seeking information (see also: ACTV schedule on p. 12).

Junior Deputy – 706-613-3250
The ACC Sheriff’s Office will come to schools or groups to discuss drugs, crime, and how to be a good citizen. Junior Deputy badges are presented to the group.

Junk Vehicles (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)

Jury Call-In – 706-613-3199
Superior Court juries only. Jurors may enter the courthouse parking deck on Hancock Avenue between Jackson and Thomas streets.

Juvenile Court – 706-613-3300
www.athensclarkecounty.com
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 115
Juvenile Court has original jurisdiction over cases involving deprivation, delinquency, or unruliness concerning children under age 17, except certain offenses excluded by statute. The Family Treatment Court and Peer Court are also part of the Juvenile Court (see also: Family Treatment Court, Court Administrator, Peer Court).
Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful (KACCB) – 706-613-3501 ext. 312
www.athensclarkecounty.com/kaccb
725 Hancock Industrial Way
The mission of Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful is to educate and empower citizens and businesses with the resources to take action as environmental stewards of litter prevention, waste reduction, and beautification. Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful administers several community programs such as the Athens Tool Shed, Bring One for the Chipper Christmas Tree Recycling, Adopt Athens, Adopt-A-Highway, School Gardens, the Litter Hotline, ink jet/cell phone recycling, neighborhood clean-up initiatives, Rivers Alive, MLK Day of Service, Trash 2 Treasure Rummage Sale, Green Schools, and more (see also: Adopt Athens; Tool Shed; Green Schools).

Labor, Georgia Department of – 706-583-2550
www.dol.state.ga.us
150 Evelyn C. Neely Drive
The GA Department of Labor provides a wide range of services to job seekers and employers. These include administration of Georgia’s unemployment insurance, employment service, and vocational rehabilitation programs; provision of workforce information to the public and private sectors; inspection of boilers, pressure vessels, amusement park and carnival rides; and oversight of child labor issues. Hour-long area job listings are shown three times daily via JobTV on ACTV (see also: ACTV schedule on p. 12).

Lake Chapman – 706-613-3631
www.athensclarkecounty.com/sandycreekpark
400 Bob Holman Road
This 260-acre lake is located inside of Sandy Creek Park and is part of the ACC Leisure Services Department. Lake Chapman provides amenities including fishing, a boat ramp, swimming, and seasonal boat rentals. A $2 per person entry fee is charged for all visitors ages 4-64 (see also: Sandy Creek Park).

Land Trusts
- Athens Land Trust – 706-613-0122
  www.athenslandtrust.org
  Promotes quality of life through integration of community and the natural environment by preserving land, creating energy-efficient and affordable housing, and revitalizing neighborhoods.
- Oconee River Land Trust – 706-552-3138
  www.orlt.com
  Conserves natural lands to protect water quality, preserve wildlife habitat, and enhance quality of life.

Landfill – 706-613-3508 / 706-613-3512 (Tours)
www.athensclarkecounty.com/landfill
5700 Lexington Road
The Municipal Solid Waste Landfill is a division of the ACC Solid Waste Department that accepts waste, scrap metal, scrap tires, leaf and limb materials, and recyclable materials (including electronics, grease, hardback books, and clothing/textiles) from ACC residents. The landfill is open Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., except for holidays. All garbage must be bagged or covered. The landfill also sells compost (see also: Compost; Leaf and Limb Pick-Up; Recycling; Solid Waste).

Landlord and Tenant Rights and Issues
www.dca.ga.gov
The GA Department of Community Affairs provides the Landlord Tenant Handbook to answer questions and describe the rights and responsibilities of both tenants and landlords. Requests for mailed copies can be submitted at www.dca.ga.gov.

Landmark Trees – 706-613-3561
ACC Central Services Department – Landscape Management Division
Healthy trees meeting certain criteria can be designated as community resources.

Landscape Management Division – 706-613-3561
www.athensclarkecounty.com/landscape
2555 Lexington Road
The Landscape Management Division of the ACC Central Services Department provides landscaping services to public buildings, parks, and rights-of-way in Athens-Clarke County. It is their responsibility to mow all public rights-of-way in Athens-Clarke County, with
the exception of some state roads.

Law Library – 706-613-3177
www.athensclarkecounty.com/lawlibrary
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 333
The ACC Law Library is available for public use and has a collection of state and federal code books, volumes of United States Reports and Supreme Court Reports, Georgia laws, legal digests, and legal encyclopedias. It also has online computer research capabilities with resources from other jurisdictions as well as Georgia.

Lay Park and Community Center – 706-613-3596
www.athensclarkecounty.com/law
297 Hoyt Street
This facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department opened in 1975. Lay Park features a gymnasium, full-service kitchen, multi-purpose room, resource library, computer lab, game room, sports fields, swimming pool, picnic shelter, fitness room, and playground. The park offers year-round programs for children and adults.

Leaf and Limb Pick-Up – 706-613-3501 ext. 451
www.athensclarkecounty.com/leaflimb
ACC Solid Waste Department
This service is provided countywide to all citizens on a six-week cycle. The automated phone system provides current and upcoming pickup locations. Schedules and detailed information is also available online, through electronic subscriptions, and on ACTV (see also: Leaf & Limb collection map on p. 14; ACTV schedule on p. 12).

Leash Law (see: selected ordinances on p. 10; Animal Control; Dog Parks)

Legal Aid (see: Public Defender)

Legal Organ (see: Public Defender)

Legal Assistance (see: Georgia Legal Services; Public Defender)

Leisure Services Department – 706-613-3800 [Administration] / 706-613-3625 [Public Information]
www.athensclarkecounty.com/leisure
Administration – Allen House, 205 Old Commerce Road
The ACC Leisure Services Department is responsible for the planning, development, and operation of parks, trails, the zoo, recreational and athletic facilities, visual and performing art facilities, natural resource facilities, and other educational and recreational programs at a variety of ACC facilities. These include: Athens Creative Theatre, Bear Hollow Zoo, Ben Burton Park, Bishop Park, Boulevard Woods Park, Dudley Park, East Athens Community Center, East Athens Educational Dance Center, Trail Creek Park, Holland Youth Sports Complex, Lay Park, Lyndon House Arts Center, Memorial Park, Morton Theatre, North Oconee River Greenway, Parkview Community Center, Reese-Pope Park, Rocksprings Park, Sandy Creek Nature Center, Sandy Creek Park, Satterfield Park, Southeast Clarke Park, and the Tennis Center (see also: individual entries).

Library Resource Centers (see: Library System, Athens Regional)

Library System, Athens Regional – 706-613-3650
706-613-3655 [Hearing Impaired]
www.athenslibrary.org
2025 Baxter Street
Off-site Library Resource Centers are located at the Lyndon House Arts Center, Sandy Creek Nature Center, Pinewoods Community, Thomas N. Lay Community Center, and East Athens Community Center (see also: individual entries).

License Plates / Motor Vehicle Registration – 706-613-3130
www.athensclarkecounty.com/tc
ACC Tax Commissioner Tag Office, 3025 Lexington Road

License, Alcohol (see: Alcohol License)

License, Business (see: Business License)

License, Driver’s (see: Driver Services, Georgia Department of)

License, Fishing / Hunting (see: Fishing / Hunting License)

License, Marriage (see: Marriage License)

Liens – 706-613-3190
A lien is a claim or charge for payment of some debt, obligation, or duty. Liens are filed with the Clerk of Superior and State Courts, which is a public record office with all records available for viewing. Some lien index information is available online through www.gsccca.org.
LIFT Information – 706-613-3435
Athens Transit System provides the same coverage area as The Bus for riders with disabilities through door to door service with The LIFT. Approved applicants must schedule rides within 24 hours of desired time. Applications for eligibility can be obtained at the Athens Transit Office or through www.athensclarkecounty.com/transit (see also: Athens Transit System).

Light Pollution
Citizens with questions about light pollution should contact the ACC Planning Department (706-613-3515) first for information about the ordinance and its applicability. If it is determined that a potential violation has occurred, the ACC Code Enforcement Division will be notified.

Litter
• Thrown from Vehicle – 706-613-3506
  Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful Litter Hotline
  If possible, report date, time, location, persons, item(s), as well as car make, model, color, and tag.
• Private Property – 706-613-3790
  Code Enforcement Division
  Private property owners must keep lawns free of litter unless it is kept in a garbage can for pick-up.
• Right-of-Way (see: Right-of-Way Maintenance)

Lyndon House Arts Center – 706-613-3623
www.athensclarkecounty.com/lyndonhouse
293 Hoyt Street
This facility, purchased by the city in 1939, became a government-sponsored community arts center in 1973. As part of the SPLOST IV Program in 1999, the Lyndon House Arts Center expanded to include galleries, artist studios, and a youth education wing. The campus of the Arts Center includes the historic Ware-Lyndon House Museum (c. 1850) and the interpretive Victorian-styled garden. The Lyndon House Arts Center offers rotating contemporary art exhibits, youth and adult classes, and an open studio membership. The center is owned and operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department.

MACORTS – 706-613-3515
www.macorts.org
MACORTS (Madison Athens-Clarke Oconee Regional Transportation Study) is a cooperative transportation planning body for the urbanized area, which includes Athens-Clarke County and portions of southern Madison County and northern Oconee County. The ACC Planning Department is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), one of fifteen MPOs in the state. (see also: Transportation Improvement Program).

Magistrate Court – 706-613-3310
www.athensclarkecounty.com/magistratecourt
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 230
The ACC Magistrate Court provides assistance to the general public, police agencies, and attorneys in the prosecution of criminal and civil cases in Athens-Clarke County. Official Code of Georgia, Annotated (O.C.G.A.) Section 15-10-2 sets forth jurisdiction of the court, with duties divided between the Civil, Criminal, and Bad Check Divisions. Additionally, marriages can be performed in this court (see also: Marriage Licenses; Checks, Bad; Court Administrator; Evictions).

Marriage License (Probate Court) – 706-613-3320
www.athensclarkecounty.com/probatecourt
The ACC Probate Court provides marriage license applications, which list the requirements. A fee is charged and applicants for marriage must come into the office together. The ACC Magistrate Court and ACC Juvenile Court can also perform marriages. Marriage license records are held in the Records Room of the ACC Courthouse (dated 1800s-1900s) or the Probate Court (see also: Magistrate Court; Probate Court).

Manager – 706-613-3020
www.athensclarkecounty.com/manager
City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Suites 301 & 303
The ACC Manager’s Office is responsible for the implementation of all policies, programs, contracts, ordinances, and resolutions as approved and directed by the Mayor and Commission. The office – which includes a Manager and two Assistant Managers – performs the administrative functions of the government, which support the activities of the Mayor and Commission. The authority and responsibilities of the Manager are dictated by the ACC Charter (see also: Charter).

Marriage License (Probate Court) – 706-613-3320
www.athensclarkecounty.com/probatecourt
The ACC Probate Court provides marriage license applications, which list the requirements. A fee is charged and applicants for marriage must come into the office together. The ACC Magistrate Court and ACC Juvenile Court can also perform marriages. Marriage license records are held in the Records Room of the ACC Courthouse (dated 1800s-1900s) or the Probate Court (see also: Magistrate Court; Probate Court).

Marshal (see: Code Enforcement Division)

Marshal, Fire (see: Fire Marshal)

Master Composter Volunteer Program – 706-613-3640
Upon completion of an educational program, volunteers will use the knowledge gained to instruct others in
the community on the value of and how to compost. Classes are offered annually beginning in February for ten weeks. This program is a collaborative effort of Cooperative Extension and the ACC Solid Waste Department.

**Master Gardener Volunteer Program – 706-613-3640**  
Cooperative Extension  
After completion of an educational program, participants lend their expertise in the community through a variety of volunteer opportunities aimed at educating others in horticultural topics including vegetable gardening, turfgrass, soils, fruits, and more. Classes run for three months and are offered annually beginning in January by ACC Cooperative Extension.

**Master Naturalist Program – 706-613-3640**  
Cooperative Extension  
This adult environmental education program explores habitats, ecosystems, and the natural environments of Georgia through a combination of lectures and hands-on field studies. Classes are offered annually beginning in April for nine weeks by ACC Cooperative Extension.

**Mayor – 706-613-3010**  
[www.athensclarkecounty.com/mayor](http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/mayor)  
City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Suite 300  
The Mayor is elected countywide for four-year terms for a maximum of two consecutive terms to serve as the head of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government and the Chair of the Commission. The Mayor’s duties include setting the agenda for Commission meetings; recommending candidates for the ACC positions of Manager, Attorney, Municipal Court Judge, and Internal Auditor; and presenting the budget (see also: [Mayor and Commissioner contact information on p. 7](#)).

**Meals on Wheels (see: Council on Aging, Athens Community)**

**Medicaid – 800-869-1150 / 404-656-4507**  
Medicaid is a medical assistance program that helps many people who can’t afford medical care pay for some or all of their medical bills. It is administered by the Georgia Department of Community Health.

**Medicare – 800-669-8387 [GA Department of Human Resources] / 800-633-4227 [800-MEDICARE]**  
[www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)  
GA Department of Human Resources  
Medicare is a health insurance program for people age 65 or older, people under age 65 with certain disabilities, and people of all ages with permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant.

**Medication Disposal – 706-613-3330 ext. 248**  
Police Department  
Prescription medication drop boxes are located in the lobby areas at the following locations between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Sharps and liquids are not accepted.  
- **East Precinct – 706-613-3330**  
  3035 Lexington Road  
- **West Precinct – 706-353-4218**  
  3700 Atlanta Highway (Georgia Square Mall)

**Memorial Park – 706-613-3580**  
[www.athensclarkecounty.com/memorial](http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/memorial)  
293 Gran Ellen Drive  
This 72-acre facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department houses the Bear Hollow Zoo, Athens Creative Theatre’s Quinn Hall, and the Fred Birchmore Trail, along with other facilities such as a lake, playground, swimming pool, dog park, and operations center (see also: [Bear Hollow Zoo; Athens Creative Theatre](#)).

**Mental Health Services (see: Advantage Behavioral Health Systems)**

**Mental Health Court (see: Treatment and Accountability Court; Veterans Court)**

**Mentor Program – 706-549-6800 ext. 227**  
[www.clarkecountymentorprogram.org](http://www.clarkecountymentorprogram.org)  
A partnership between the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce and the Clarke County School District pairing trained community volunteers with local public school children.

**Mercy Health Care Center – 706-425-9445**  
[www.mercyhealthcenter.net](http://www.mercyhealthcenter.net)  
700 Oglethorpe Avenue, Suite C7  
Mercy Health Center provides physical, emotional, and spiritual care for low-income uninsured people in the Athens area (see also: [Athens Health Network](#)).

**Metal, Scrap (see: Landfill; list of accepted items for recycling on p. 13)**

**Meters, Parking (see: Downtown Athens Parking System)**

**Meters, Water – 706-613-3479**  
ACC Public Utilities – Meter Management
Millage Rate – 706-613-3120
The Commission sets the millage rate for the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government annually. Other entities such as the state of Georgia and Clarke County Board of Education set additional millage rates. The millage rates are fractional multipliers that help determine the tax rate of property. A tax rate of one mill represents a tax liability of $1.00 per $1,000.00 of assessed value. The ACC Tax Assessor’s Office performs all tax assessments while the ACC Tax Commissioner’s Office calculates the tax bill and collects it (see also: Homestead Exemption; Tax Assessor’s Office; Tax Commissioner’s Office).

Miriam Moore Community Service Center – 706-208-0048 (East Athens Development Corp.)
410 McKinley Drive
This neighborhood facility is located adjacent to the East Athens Community Center and houses facilities for the Athens Tutorial Program, the Athens-Clarke County Health Department, the East Athens Neighborhood Health Center, and the East Athens Development Corporation (EADC).

Mold
Individuals with mold or suspected mold problems should visit www.epa.gov/mold or www.fcs.uga.edu/ext/housing or contact Cooperative Extension (706-613-3640) for information about remedies and removal. Some private companies who work with mold remediation can be found in the phone book.

Morton Theatre – 706-613-3770 / 706-613-3771 [Box Office]
www.athensclarkecounty.com/morton
195 West Washington Street
The Morton Building was built in 1910 and houses the oldest surviving African-American built, owned, and operated vaudeville theatre in the United States. The building was saved by the nonprofit Morton Theatre Corporation in the late 1980’s and is still supported by them to this day. The 1987 citizen-approved SPLOST program helped renovate the building for community use. The Morton is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is a unit of the Arts & Nature Division of the ACC Leisure Services Department. Today, the Morton operates as a rental facility with multiple spaces including the 480-seat auditorium. The theatre has state-of-the-art theatrical equipment and box office capabilities allowing it to host events including live theatre, weddings, music concerts, worship services, dance performances, receptions, seminars, awards shows, pageants, community events, social gatherings, and more.

Mosquito Control
www.athensclarkecounty.com/mosquito
The Mosquito Control Program encourages citizens to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds by eliminating standing water, picking up litter around property, and cleaning up excess vegetation overgrowth. Larvacide briquets can be purchased at home improvement stores. More tips and contacts for specific areas are available online or by calling the ACC Public Information Office (706-613-3795).

Motor Vehicle Registration (see: License Plates / Motor Vehicle Registration)

Mountain Biking (see: Bicycle Facilities)

Moving to Athens-Clarke County (see: Relocation Packet)

MRF (see: Recovered Materials Processing Facility)

Multimodal Transportation Center – 706-613-3430
www.athensclarkecounty.com/transit
775 East Broad Street / Hickory Street Connector
The Multimodal Center is designed to connect people with a variety of transportation modes, including buses, pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles. From here, passengers can take intracity transport to Atlanta and other cities. It also houses the Athens Transit System’s administrative offices (see also: Athens Transit System).

Municipal Court – 706-613-3690
www.athensclarkecounty.com/municipalcourt
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 170
The ACC Municipal Court has jurisdiction in most misdemeanor traffic offenses. The court also has jurisdiction (with certain statutory exceptions) in misdemeanor offenses of underage possession of alcohol, possession of marijuana, and theft by shoplifting. The court handles local ordinance violations, including parking violations (see also: Court Administrator).
Name Change – 706-613-3190
Documents are filed with the Clerk of Superior and State Courts. An attorney’s services may be needed.

National Do Not Call List – 888-382-1222
www.donotcall.gov
This federal program allows citizens to register home or mobile phones in order to limit telemarketing calls. Registration by phone requires calling the above number from the phone number being registered.

Nature Center (see: Sandy Creek Nature Center)

Neighborhood Health Centers (see: Health Centers, Athens Neighborhood; Health Department)

Neighborhood Notification Initiative [NNI] – 706-613-3515
www.athensclarkecounty.com/nni
Neighborhood Notification Initiative facilitates communication between neighborhood residents and developers regarding construction projects proposed in or adjacent to a neighborhood’s boundaries. One component of the NNI is an electronic mailing list that members of the public may sign up for to receive planning and development-related information for various geographic areas within the county, including commission districts, registered neighborhoods, and special interest overlays.

www.athensclarkecounty.com/ntmp
The purpose of the NTMP is to reduce accidents, traffic volumes, and/or speeds; thereby improving pedestrian safety and creating more pleasant neighborhoods for the citizens of Athens-Clarke County. It considers a wide range of potential solutions to address specific concerns of a neighborhood.

Neighborhood Watch Program – 706-613-3358 ext. 230
ACC Police Department – Crime Prevention Unit
This program is designed to prevent crime in residential areas and is governed by residents being vigilant for persons, vehicles, or occurrences in their neighborhood that do not fit into the ordinary ebb and flow of the area.

Neutering / Spaying Animals (see: Humane Society, Athens Area or call private veterinarians)

NNI (see: Neighborhood Notification Initiative)

No Call List (see: National Do Not Call List)

Noise Disturbances (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)

Non-Profit Development Alliance – 211 or 706-353-1313 (Community Connection of NE GA)
The Non-Profit Development Alliance is developing three primary areas of support for new and existing non-profit agencies in the area: program support and development; leadership support and learning; and resources and collaboration.

North Oconee River Greenway – 706-613-3801 (Park Services Office)
www.athensclarkecounty.com/greenway
ACC Leisure Services Department
The North Oconee River Greenway is a 3-mile long, 10-foot wide poured multi-use concrete path that is open sunrise to sunset. The Greenway path is open to all types of non-motorized uses and dogs on a leash are welcome. Currently, the North Oconee River Greenway connects with Cook’s Greenway Trail at Sandy Creek Nature Center and follows the North Oconee River south toward downtown Athens and the University of Georgia (see also: Oconee Rivers Greenway).

North Oconee River Park – 706-613-3801 (Park Services Office)
www.athensclarkecounty.com/norp
Between Martin Luther King Boulevard & Willow Street
This 20-acre park is a facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department.

Northeast Georgia Regional Commission – 706-369-5650
www.negrc.org
305 Research Drive
This agency, formerly the Regional Development Center (RDC), serves 12 counties and 54 municipal governments as a focal point for regional issues and as a resource for those governments in a variety of specialized areas. These include local government planning, economic development, grant preparation and administration, job training, and aging services.

Notary Public – 706-613-3190
The ACC Clerk of Superior & State Courts provides applications for potential applicants for Notary Public. A
fee, notarized application, and two residents’ character witness statements are required. Documents may be notarized by the Clerk of Superior and State Courts Office, some banks, or private companies or individuals.

Nurses’ Clinic – 706-613-6976
www.athensnursesclinic.org
240 North Avenue

This part-time clinic provides some health care services for homeless, unemployed, underinsured, uninsured, and other underserved populations in the Athens-Clarke County area.

Nutrition (see: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education)

Oconee Rivers Greenway – 706-613-3801 (Park Services Office)
www.athensclarkecounty.com/greenway
The Oconee Rivers Greenway is a network of natural areas with the floodplains of the North Oconee River, Middle Oconee River, and Oconee River and their major tributaries as its core. The network includes a system of river-oriented trails that connect the river corridors with adjacent parks and green spaces and natural and cultural resources in Athens-Clarke County. The greenway trail system has 3.5 miles of multi-use trail, 2.3 miles of street-based trail, 12.1 miles of foot trail, and 3 miles of multi-use trail on UGA’s campus. An additional 3.5 miles of trail has been funded and will be under construction within the next two years. The Greenway path is open to all types of non-motorized uses and dogs on a leash are welcome. The Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission provides oversight for project construction, program management, and the development of the countywide greenway master plan. (see: North Oconee River Greenway; North Oconee River Park; Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission)

Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission
This independent commission of Athens-Clarke County is charged with developing the plan for a river-oriented greenway system within the county for the benefit and enjoyment of all citizens. The Commission is composed of 15 citizens appointed by the ACC Mayor and Commission, five of whom are recommended by the President of the University of Georgia (see also: Boards, Authorities and Commissions; North Oconee River Greenway; Oconee Rivers Greenway).

OneAthens – 706-542-8905
www.oneathens.org
This community-wide initiative is designed to combat the causes of persistent poverty in Athens-Clarke County. The project formed from the Partners for a Prosperous Athens initiative.

Open Containers (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)
Outdoor Events (see: Events, Special and/or Outdoor)

Overview Commission
As mandated by the Charter, this Commission sits every 10 years unless scheduled sooner by the Mayor and Commission. It reviews the operation of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government. Members are appointed by a Grand Jury of the Superior Court. The Overview Commission released a report at the end of 2010. The next overview commission is scheduled for 2020. Staff support is provided by the ACC Operational Analysis Office (see also: Charter; Operational Analysis Office).

Parade of Lights (see: Downtown Athens Parade of Lights)

Pardons and Parole, Georgia Board of – 706-338-8314 / 404-656-4661 (Parole Call Center)
www.pap.state.ga.us
171 Old Epps Bridge Road

Parking Decks (see: Decks, Parking)

Pavement Maintenance Program – 706-613-3465
This program of the ACC Transportation and Public Works Department addresses the maintenance needs of the ACC public roadway system. Specific roadways are determined by assessed pavement conditions and the final list for each year’s project is determined by available funding. Roadways and/or treatments may be revised during construction if funding and/or other circumstances dictate.

Peer Court
www.athenspeercourt.org
Athens Peer Court is a leadership program through Juvenile Court in which youth volunteers serve as the lawyers, judge, and jury in sentencing hearings for first-time misdemeanor offenders under age 18 who have accepted their charges. The volunteers receive training on leadership skills, public speaking, and restorative justice to promote behavioral change and reduce recidivism. Athens Peer Court gives customized sentences that focus on the harm caused to the community by crime and creates opportunities for youth to connect to their community (see also: Juvenile Court).

Permits
• Building (see: Building Permits & Inspections Department)
• Parking (see: Parking, Residential)
• Special Events (see: Events, Special and/or Outdoor)
• Vendors (see: Vending)

Passports – 877-487-2778
www.travel.state.gov
Forms are available at the Metro Area Post Office (575 Olympic Drive), Downtown Post Office (115 East Hancock Avenue), and the Athens Regional Library (2025 Baxter Street).

Pauper’s Grave – 706-613-3530
ACC Central Services Department

Parking, Residential
• On-street residential parking permits: ACC Transportation and Public Works Department (706-613-3440).
• Residential parking on non-prepared surfaces in front or side yards adjacent to the public right-of-way: Report violations to the ACC Code Enforcement Division (706-613-3790).
• Acceptable parking surfaces: ACC Planning Department (706-613-3515)
(see also: selected ordinances on p. 10).

Parking Tickets
Parking tickets are either issued by Downtown Athens Parking (DAP) or the ACC Police Department (see also: Downtown Athens Parking; Municipal Court).
• DAP-issued tickets can be paid in a variety of ways, including:
  ◦ Drop boxes located throughout downtown
  ◦ By mail
  ◦ In person at the DAP offices (287 College Avenue)
  ◦ Online through www.downtownathensga.com
• ACC Police-issued tickets can be paid:
  ◦ In Municipal Court
  ◦ By mail
  ◦ Online through www.athensclarkecounty.com/municipalcourt except for certain citations that require a court appearance

Parks (see: Leisure Services)

Parole (see: Pardons and Parole, Georgia Board of)
**Personal Property – 706-613-3140**  
ACC Tax Assessors Office  
Business personal property includes furniture, fixtures, equipment, supplies, and inventory of a business that may be taxable. Personal property also includes boats and aircraft (see also: Freeport Exemption).

**Personnel (see: Human Resources)**

**Picketing (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)**

**Picnic Shelters [Parks]**  
www.athensclarkecounty.com/picnic  
Picnic shelters are available for use and/or rental at a number of ACC public parks.

**Piedmont Athens Regional – 706-475-7000**  
www.athenshealth.org  
1199 Prince Avenue

**Pinewoods Community Library & Education Center – 706-613-3708**  
1465 Highway 29 North Lot G-10  
Part of the Athens Regional Library System (see also: Library System, Athens Regional).

**Planning Department – 706-613-3515**  
www.athensclarkecounty.com/planning  
120 West Dougherty Street  
The ACC Planning Department effectively manages community change in both the short and long term with regard to land use, transportation, historic preservation, and overall community development in order to ensure that the natural and built environment of Athens-Clarke County are of the highest quality. The tools used in achieving this mission are the Comprehensive Plan, the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, Flood Protection Ordinance, Street Numbering Ordinance, Historic Preservation Ordinance, Graphics Ordinance, the Madison Athens-Clarke Oconee Transportation Study (MACORTS) area, and GIS (Geographic Information System) (see also: Comprehensive Plan; Development Standards; Future Development Map / Plan; MACORTS; Zoning Code).

**Planning Commission**  
www.athensclarkecounty.com/planning  
This independent commission makes recommendations to the Mayor and Commission related to zoning, land use regulations, subdivision regulations, and public improvements necessary to implement plans. The commission meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Dougherty Street Governmental Building and schedules work sessions as needed (see also: Boards, Authorities and Commissions).

**Plats – 706-613-3190**  
Property plat information is available through the Real Estate Division of the Clerk of Superior and State Courts (see: Clerk of Superior and State Courts).

**Playgrounds – 706-613-3801 (Reporting Maintenance Issues)**  
www.athensclarkecounty.com/playgrounds  
ACC Leisure Services Park Services Division  
Playgrounds are available at the following ACC public parks:

- **Bishop Park**: Open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - sunset, Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - sunset  
- **East Athens Community Center**: Open daily, sunrise to sunset  
- **Lay Park**: Open daily, sunrise to sunset  
- **Memorial Park**: Open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - sunset, Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - sunset  
- **Reese & Pope Park**: Open daily, sunrise to sunset  
- **Rocksprings Park**: Open daily, sunrise to sunset  
- **Sandy Creek Park**: Open Tuesday-Sunday, 7:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. during winter months) - sunset  
- **Satterfield Park**: Open daily, sunrise to sunset  
- **Southeast Clarke Park**: Open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - sunset, Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - sunset  
- **Trail Creek Park**: Open daily, sunrise to sunset  
- **World of Wonder (WoW) Park at Southeast Clarke Park**: Open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - sunset, Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - sunset

**Poison Control – 800-222-1222**

**Police – 706-613-3888 / 706-613-3345 (Non-Emergency After Hours)**  
www.athensclarkecounty.com/police  
The ACC Police Department strives to eliminate crime, fear of crime, and general disorder, while respecting the dignity and worth of all people and establishing an ethically based, problem solving partnership with the community.

- **East Precinct / Headquarters – 706-613-3330**  
  3035 Lexington Road  
- **West Precinct – 706-353-4218**  
  3700 Atlanta Highway (Georgia Square Mall)  
- **Downtown Substation – 706-613-3705**  
  265 College Avenue  
- **East Substation – 706-613-3358**  
  385 Fairview Street  
- **West Substation – 706-208-1718**  
  1060 Baxter Street

**Police Academy, Citizens (see: Citizens Police Academy)**
Police Academy, NE GA (see: Georgia Public Safety Training Center Regional Police Academy – Athens)

Pools, Permitting and Testing
The ACC Building Inspections Department (706-613-3520) issues building permits for pools, while the GA Health Department’s Environmental Health Division (706-583-2658) handles public pool testing.

Pools, Public
www.athensclarkecounty.com/aquatics
The ACC Leisure Services Department owns and operates five pools located at Lay Park Community Center, East Athens Community Center, Bishop Park, Memorial Park, and Rocksprings Park during the summer months. See individual park and community center entries for addresses and phone numbers. (see also: Splash Pads)

Posting Handbills / Notices / Posters (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)

Post Office – 706-369-3200 (Metro Area Main Office) / 800-275-8777 (800-ASK-USPS)
www.usps.com
575 Olympic Drive (Metro Area Main Office)

Potholes – 706-613-3465 (ACC roads)
The ACC Transportation and Public Works Department Streets and Drainage Division is responsible for all local roads managed by Athens-Clarke County. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT - 678-230-5981) maintains state roads.

Prescription Drug Discount Card – 877-321-2652
www.athensclarkecounty.com/drugcard
Free prescription drug discount cards are available under a program sponsored by Athens-Clarke County and the National Association of Counties (NACo) that offers average savings of 22 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs. The cards are not insurance and may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage. A national network of more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies also will honor the NACo prescription discount card. There is no cost to county taxpayers for NACo and Athens-Clarke County to make these money saving cards available to residents. Cards are available for printing online and at:
• Athens Neighborhood Health Centers (675 College Avenue)
• Athens Nurses Clinic (496 Reese Street)
• City Hall (301 College Avenue)
• Division of Family and Children Services

(284 North Avenue)
• Health Department Main Office (345 North Harris Street) & East Athens Clinic – Miriam Moore Community Center (402 McKinley Drive)
• Mercy Health Center (700 Oglethorpe Avenue)
• Miriam Moore Community Center (402 McKinley Drive)
• Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center’s Emergency Department or Social Work Services (1199 Prince Avenue) or by calling a Patient Affairs Coordinator at 706-475-3533

Pre-Trial Diversion – 706-613-3911
265 East Hancock Avenue
Program for first time offenders in Municipal and State Court (see also: Probation).

Prison (see: Corrections Department)

Probate Court – 706-613-3320
www.athensclarkecounty.com/probatecourt
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 215
The Probate Court assists the public in taking care of the business affairs of those who have died, or in dealing with family members who are mentally ill, alcoholic, drug-dependent, or otherwise incapacitated, while protecting people who are unable to protect themselves or their property. This Court also conducts emergency evaluations for the mentally ill, issues marriage licenses, issues firearms conceal/carry permits, and provides a host of related services (see also: Court Administrator; Firearms Permit; Marriage Licenses).

Probation
• Adult (Felony) – 706-369-6000
  Athens Probation Services, 171 Old Epps Bridge Road
• Adult (Misdemeanor) – 706-613-3911
  Athens-Clarke County, 1720A Lexington Road
• Juvenile – 706-369-5610
  GA Dept. of Juvenile Justice, 550 Hawthorne Avenue
• Pre-Trial Diversion – 706-613-3547
  Athens-Clarke County, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 540

Proclamations – 706-613-3010
Individuals or groups seeking proclamations should contact the Mayor’s Office for details.

www.project-safe.org
Project Safe is non-profit organization working to end domestic violence through prevention and educational
programs, crisis intervention, ongoing support services for survivors of domestic violence and their children, and advocacy/systems change work in the community.

**Property Information** (see: Property Values)

**Property Maintenance [Private Property] – 706-613-3790**
The ACC Code Enforcement Division enforces private property maintenance ordinances.

**Property Records** (see: Deeds)

**Property Subdivision** (see: Subdivision of Property)

**Property Surveys** (see: Surveys, Land)

**Property Taxes**
The ACC Tax Commissioner’s Office (706-613-3120) is responsible for billing and collecting property taxes. Property taxes are based on assessments from the ACC Tax Assessor’s Office (706-613-3140) and calculated using millage rates. Both offices are located on the second floor of the ACC Courthouse at 325 East Washington Street (see also: Millage Rates).

**Property Values – 706-613-3140**
www.athensclarkecounty.com/taxassessor
The ACC Tax Assessor’s Office appraises all property located in Athens-Clarke County at its fair market value to ensure taxpayers pay no more than their fair share of property taxes. Property appraisal values and other property information is available online or through public access computer terminals at the ACC Tax Assessor’s Office, Clerk of Superior and State Courts, and ACC Planning Department.

**Protective Orders** (see: Temporary Protective Orders / Temporary Restraining Orders)

**Protests** (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)

**Public Defender – 706-369-6440**
www.athenspublicdefender.com
440 College Avenue, Suite 220
The Public Defender Office of the Western Judicial Circuit offers services to citizens of Athens-Clarke and Oconee counties who need legal services but cannot afford to pay for the services of a private criminal attorney. Individuals seeking no-cost civil legal services should contact Georgia Legal Services (see also: Georgia Legal Services).

**Public Housing** (see: Housing Authority, Athens (AHA); Housing Choice Voucher Program)

**Public Information Office – 706-613-3795**
www.athensclarkecounty.com/pio
City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Suite 102
The ACC Public Information Office (PIO) provides clear and open communications to the citizens of Athens-Clarke County about the Unified Government’s goals, activities, and services. Along with providing other services, the Public Information Office maintains the ACC website, this guide to services, and the ACTV Government Access cable television channel (see also: ACTV schedule on p. 12; Website).

**Public Library** (see: Library System, Athens Regional)

**Public Service Commission – 800-282-5813 / 404-656-4501 [Atlanta Office]**
www.psc.state.ga.us
The Public Service Commission is responsible for gas, electric, telecommunications, household goods moving company, non-consensual towing, bus, motor carrier, and luxury limousine carrier issues throughout Georgia (see also: Gas, Natural; Utilities).

**Public Transportation** (see: Athens Transit System; Bus Information; LIFT Information; Multimodal Transportation Center)

**Public Utilities – 706-613-3470**
www.athensclarkecounty.com/publicutilities
124 East Hancock Avenue
The ACC Public Utilities Department provides water and wastewater (sewer) services to residential, commercial, and industrial customers (see also: Water Business Office; Bobby Snipes Water Resource Center, Bear Creek Reservoir).

**Public Works** (see: Transportation and Public Works)

**Publication Racks – 706-613-3530**
The ACC Central Services Department manages publication racks in the downtown public areas.

**Purchasing – 706-613-3072**
www.athensclarkecounty.com/purchasing
Satula Building, 375 Satula Avenue
The ACC Purchasing Division of the Finance Department is responsible for coordinating the procurement of goods and services for the Unified Government. Purchasing also handles all bid information. Perusal of bid opportunities is also available online (see also: Bid Information).
Quinn Hall (see: Athens Creative Theatre)

Radon Testing and Education – 706-613-3640
Cooperative Extension
Radon in homes can lead to lung cancer. Test kits are available at the Cooperative Extension office (see: Cooperative Extension)

Raffles, Licenses for – 706-613-3250
Organizations wishing to hold a raffle must first contact the Sheriff’s Office.

Rain Barrels – 706-613-3440 ext. 383
The Stormwater Management Program provides rain barrel workshops to assist citizens with building their own rain barrels.

Rallies (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)

RDC (see: Northeast Georgia Regional Development Commission)

Real Estate Records – 706-613-3195
Clerk of Superior and State Courts, ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 450
Some information such as ownership is also available online through the ACC Tax Assessor’s website at www.athensclarkecounty.com/taxassessor.

Records, Historical – 706-613-3551
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 150
The ACC Records Room houses historical information such as marriage licenses and wills from 1800 to the early 1900’s. Other information of interest to the public housed in the Records Room includes probate records such as estate and tax digests dating to 1801.

Records, Real Estate (see: Real Estate Records)

Recovered Materials Processing Facility (RMPF) – 706-548-9808 / 706-613-3512 [Tours]
699 Hancock Industrial Way
The RMPF opened in 1995 as the first public-private partnership facility of its kind in Georgia to process recyclable materials collected. The facility is owned by ACC and operated by ReCommunity.

Recycling – 706-613-3512
www.athensclarkecounty.com/recycling
ACC Solid Waste Department – Recycling Division
725 Hancock Industrial Way
Athens-Clarke County became Georgia’s first municipally operated curbside recycling program when it began in 1988. All private carriers are also required to offer recycling services. Free recycling drop-off centers are located throughout Athens-Clarke County (see also: CHaRM; Recovered Materials Processing Facility; Solid Waste; list of accepted items for recycling on p. 13).

Public Drop-Off Facilities
• Athens Technical College
  Corner of US Highway 29 and Calhoun Drive
• CHaRM Facility
  1005 College Avenue
• City of Winterville Public Works
  Corner of Church and Parkview
• College Avenue and Cleveland Drive 1005
  College Avenue
• Fire Station #8
  3955 Jefferson Road
• Fire Station #9
  1626 Danielsville Road
• Georgia Square Mall Cinema Parking Lot
  3700 Atlanta Highway
• Jail Road and Lexington Road
  Behind ACC Tag Office lot
• Landfill
  5700 Lexington Road - limited hours
• Power Partners, Inc.
  200 Newton Bridge Road
• Recycling Facility
  699 Hancock Industrial Way

Recycling Center (see: Recovered Materials Processing Facility)

Reese-Pope Park – 706-613-3801 [Park Services]
www.athensclarkecounty.com/reeseandpope
375 Reese Street
This 1.5-acre park is a facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department. It features a playground, basketball court, and pavilion with picnic tables.
Regional Development Center (see: Northeast Georgia Regional Development Center)

Regional Youth Detention Center (Gainesville) – 770-535-5465
www.djj.state.ga.us
450 Crescent Drive
This GA Department of Juvenile Justice facility provides temporary, secure care and supervision to youths in Athens-Clarke County and other Northeast Georgia counties who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by Juvenile Court.

Relocation Packet – 706-353-1820
www.athenswelcomecenter.com
The Athens Welcome Center provides a relocation packet for a shipping fee with information for people who are considering moving to Athens-Clarke County.

Reports, Accident and Incident (see: Accident Reports)

Residency
New Georgia residents must apply for a Georgia driver’s license within 30 days and register with the Board of Elections within 30 days of the next election to be considered a resident. Residency requirements for University of Georgia-related issues should be addressed with the appropriate University office.

Restaurant Inspections – 706-583-2658
www.publichealthathens.com
189 Paradise Blvd.
Inspections are performed by the GA Health Department’s Office of Environmental Health.

Restraining Orders (see: Temporary Protective Orders / Temporary Restraining Orders)

Revenue, GA Department of – 706-389-6977 (Athens Regional Office) / 877-602-8477
Georgia Square Mall, 3700 Atlanta Highway, Suite 268

Right-of-Way Maintenance
The ACC Landscape Management Division (706-613-3561) handles all litter pickup and maintenance of right-of-way areas belonging to Athens-Clarke County or some state routes by agreement. The GA Department of Transportation (706-583-2644) maintains all other state routes.

Riverside Parks (see: North Oconee River Greenway)

Road Work Reports
Weekly notifications of road and lane closures from the ACC Transportation and Public Works Department’s Traffic Engineering Division (706-613-3460) are listed at www.athensclarkecounty.com/publicworks. Some closures are also shown on ACTV (see also: ACTV schedule on p. 12).

Robert G. Stephens Federal Building
355 East Hancock Avenue

Rocksprings Park – 706-613-3602
www.athensclarkecounty.com/rocksprings
291 Henderson Extension
This 6-acre park is a facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department and includes an athletic field, basketball courts, playground, swimming pool, splash pad, and a community center. The center offers year-round programming, including an afterschool program and summer camp.

RYDC (see: Regional Youth Detention Center)

Safe Places
All ACC fire stations are designated as Safe Place locations where youth in trouble or bad situations can get immediate help (see also: Fire and Emergency Services Department).

Saint Mary’s Hospital – 706-389-3000
www.stmarysathens.com
1230 Baxter Street

Salvation Army – 706-543-5350 (Service Center / Lodge / Thrift Store)
484 Hawthorne Avenue

Sandy Creek Nature Center (SCNC) – 706-613-3615
www.athensclarkecounty.com/scnc
205 Old Commerce Road
This facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department opened in 1977 and currently houses the Education
& Visitor Center, Walker Hall, and a variety of trails. Programming and events are offered year-round, including summer camps for children and teens. It is supported by Sandy Creek Nature Center, Inc., a non-profit support organization. This facility was built almost entirely using recycled, recyclable, or energy efficient materials. It also houses the Loggerhead sea turtle program and other environmental learning centers. Additionally, the center features Americans with Disabilities Act accessible trails. The facility is operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department.

Sandy Creek Park – 706-613-3631
www.athensclarkecounty.com/sandycreekpark
400 Bob Holman Road
This 782-acre facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department provides year-round amenities including picnic shelters, large facility rentals, dog parks, disc golf, trail access, playgrounds, basketball courts, and tennis courts. The 260-acre Lake Chapman provides fishing, boating, and swimming opportunities. A $2 per person entry fee is charged for all visitors ages 4-64 (see also: Lake Chapman).

Satterfield Park – 706-613-39911 [Tennis Center]
www.athensclarkecounty.com/satterfield
2950 Cherokee Road
This 13-acre facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department is named in honor of the late Dr. Wayne Satterfield, a founding member of the Little League program in Athens. The park has five athletic fields, three tennis courts, a batting cage, and a playground.

Satula Building
375 Satula Avenue
This building houses ACC’s Finance Department, Human Resources Department, Organizational Development Division, and Housing and Community Development Department (see also: individual department and division entries).

Schools (see: Clarke County School District)

Section 8 Rental Assistance (see: Housing Choice Voucher Program)

Septic Systems / Tanks
Basic information about septic systems is available at www.athensclarkecounty.com/septic or by calling the ACC Public Information Office at 706-613-3795. For septic system inspections, plan reviews, maps, locations, service provider complaints, installation permits, and more detailed information, contact the GA Health Department’s Environmental Health Division at 706-583-2658 or www.georgiaeh.us.

Sewer Services [ACC System Broken Lines / Leaks] (see: Emergency Water or Sewer Service)

Sexual Assault Center of Northeast Georgia (see: Cottage, The)

Sex Offenders Registry – 706-613-3250
The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is the central repository for Georgia’s Violent Sexual Offender Registry. A searchable online database for the state is available at www.gbi.georgia.gov and a listing of Athens-Clarke County offenders can be found at www.athensclarkecounty.com/sheriff.

Sheriff’s Office – 706-613-3250
www.athensclarkecounty.com/sheriff
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 125
The Sheriff is responsible for the physical health and welfare of all inmates in the jail and the management of their property and money. The office serves criminal warrants, civil papers, and subpoenas; executes evictions; transports prisoners to court; extradites prisoners from other states to court; and provides security for Athens-Clarke County jail and courthouse (see also: Courthouse (Athens-Clarke County); Evictions; Jail; Sex Offenders Registry; Warrants; and individual court entries).

Sidewalk Cafes (see: Cafes, Sidewalk)

Sidewalks – 706-613-3465
ACC Transportation and Public Works Department – Streets and Drainage Division

Sign Installation [Traffic] (see: Traffic Signal / Sign Installation / Repair)

Sign Permits [Private Property] – 706-613-3515
ACC Planning Department

Signals, Traffic (see: Traffic Signal / Sign Installation / Repair)

Sirens, Tornado – 706-613-3410 [ACC Emergency Management Office]
These 12 outdoor sirens located around the community are sounded only to alert the public when a tornado warning has been issued for Athens-Clarke County and during testing each year in February as part of Severe Weather Awareness Week or as otherwise necessary. The sirens are designed to alert people outdoors at the
time to seek immediate shelter and are not designed for notifying people already indoors.

**Skate Park** *(see: Southeast Clarke Park)*

**Small Business Development Center – 706-542-7436**
[georgiasbdc.org](http://www.georgiasbdc.org)
1180 East Broad Street

**Small Claims Court** *(see: Magistrate Court)*

**Smoking**
Smoking is prohibited in most enclosed public places and enclosed places of employment in Athens-Clarke County, with a few exemptions. Smoking is also prohibited in any park, youth sports complex, or recreation area owned, leased, or operated by Athens-Clarke County. Report any violations to the ACC Police Department at 706-613-3345.

**SNAP-Ed** *(see: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education)*

**Snipes Water Resources Center – 706-613-3481**
780 Barber Street
The Bobby M. Snipes Water Resources Center houses ACC’s water treatment and wastewater treatment laboratories.

**Social Media [Athens-Clarke County]**
[athensclarkecounty.com/socialmedia](http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/socialmedia)
Athens-Clarke County has a wide variety of social media accounts to keep residents and visitors informed.

**Social Security Administration –**
866-964-3294 (Athens) / 800-772-1213 (Federal)
[ss.gov](http://www.ss.gov)
1650 Prince Avenue

**Soil Testing** *(see: Cooperative Extension)*

**Solicitor-General – 706-613-3215**
[athensclarkecounty.com](http://www.athensclarkecounty.com)
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 550
The Solicitor-General’s Office serves as the prosecuting attorney in State Court and the Athens-Clarke County and Winterville Municipal Courts. In these capacities, the Solicitor-General has the responsibility to decide on prosecution of all misdemeanor offenses occurring within the limits of Athens-Clarke County.

**Solid Waste – 706-613-3501**
[athensclarkecounty.com/solidwaste](http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/solidwaste)
725 Hancock Industrial Way
The ACC Solid Waste Department provides collection and disposal services that meet or exceed state standards and are responsive to the community’s health and sanitary needs. Solid Waste collects trash and recycling for both citizens and small- and large-sized community businesses *(see also: CHaRM; Garbage Collection; Landfill; Leaf and Limb Pickup; Recovered Materials Processing Facility (RMPF); Recycling; selected ordinances on p. 10)*.

**Southeast Clarke Park – 706-613-3991 [Tennis Center]**
[athensclarkecounty.com/southeast](http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/southeast)
4460 Lexington Road
This facility is owned and operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department. It houses baseball and softball fields, a 1-mile walking track, soccer fields, a nature trail, an off-leash dog park, the World of Wonder Park, a skate park, tennis courts, and more.

**Spanish Language / Translation Assistance** *(see: Catholic Social Services; United Way)*

**Spaying / Neutering Animals** *(see: Humane Society, Athens Area or call private veterinarians)*

**Speakers’ Bureau [Athens-Clarke County Unified Government] – 706-613-3795**
Contact the ACC Public Information Office to request a speaker from the Unified Government.

**Speed Humps** *(see: Neighborhood Traffic Management Program)*

**Splash Pads** *(see: Pools, Public)*

**Special Events Permits** *(see: Central Services)*

**Splash Pads**
[athensclarkecounty.com/splashpads](http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/splashpads)
Splash pads are outdoor water playgrounds located at Trail Creek Park and Rocksprings Park for use during summer months. Each splash pad includes multiple elements that shoot water from the flooring as well as drop water from buckets from above. All water is recycled and reused through a filtering system. *(see also: Pools, Public)*

**SPLOST – 706-613-3025**
[athensclarkecounty.com/splost](http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/splost)
City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Suite 101
The Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) is a 1-cent sales tax approved by voters that funds a
variety of capital projects. A citizens’ advisory committee oversees projects, which are managed by a private company contracted by Athens-Clarke County. Progress reports and other information is available online.

**Sports, Youth and Adult**
[www.athensclarkecounty.com/sports](http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/sports)

The ACC Leisure Services Department offers a variety of sports leagues through their Athletics Division (706-613-3589) and Recreation Division (706-613-3596 or 706-613-3593).

**St. Mary’s Hospital** *(see: Saint Mary’s Hospital)*

**State Court** – 706-613-3200
[www.athensclarkecounty.com/statecourt](http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/statecourt)

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 425

State Court has concurrent jurisdiction with Superior Court in civil actions except where exclusive jurisdiction is given to the Superior Court by the Georgia Constitution. State Court handles appeals from the Magistrate’s Court and has criminal jurisdiction in misdemeanor cases. The DUI/Drug Court is also part of State Court *(see also: Clerk of Superior and State Courts; Court Administrator; Drug Courts)*.

**State Government Information** *(see: Georgia Government Information)*

**State Patrol** *(see: Georgia State Patrol)*

**Stormwater Management Program** – 706-613-3440
[www.athensclarkecounty.com/stormwater](http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/stormwater)

The ACC Transportation and Public Works Department’s Stormwater Management Program goals are to alleviate flooding, reduce the discharge of harmful pollutants associated with stormwater runoff, and to protect the water quality of our streams and rivers *(see also: Rain Barrels)*.

**Street Addresses** – 706-613-3515
ACC Planning Department

**Street Lights** – 706-613-3457 ext. 226
ACC Transportation and Public Works Department – Engineering Division

**Street Repair** – 706-613-3465
ACC Transportation and Public Works Department – Streets and Drainage Division

**Subdivision of Property** – 706-613-3515
ACC Planning Department

**Substance Abuse** *(see: Advantage Behavioral Health Systems)*

**Summer Camps** *(see: Camps, Summer)*

**Summer Employment** *(ACC Leisure Services)* – 706-613-3625
[www.athensclarkecounty.com/jobs](http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/jobs)

The ACC Leisure Services Department offers summer employment opportunities in athletics, natural resources, and recreation. Positions include summer camp management, camp counselors, and aquatics staff. Applications are usually accepted from mid-January until May or later, depending on the position.

**Superior Court** – 706-613-3163
[www.athensclarkecounty.com](http://www.athensclarkecounty.com)

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Third Floor

The Superior Court has jurisdiction in divorce, felony, land-title, equity, adoption, and certain civil suits. The Felony Drug Court, Treatment and Accountability Court, and Veterans Court are also part of the Superior Court. The Western Judicial Circuit is comprised of Athens-Clarke County and Oconee County. This court also handles appeals from the Probate Court *(see also: Alternative Dispute Resolution; Clerk of Superior and State Courts; Court Administrator; Drug Courts; Treatment and Accountability Court; Veterans Court)*.

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed)** – 706-613-3640

SNAP-Ed is a federally-funded program that helps families and individuals learn how to eat healthier meals and snacks, stretch food dollars, and reduce the risk of food-borne illness. Contact ACC Cooperative Extension to arrange a class, obtain educational materials, or for more information.

**Surveys, Land**

Surveys can be provided by private companies. Athens-Clarke County does not provide survey services.

**Swimming** *(see: Pools, Public; Splash Pads)*
Tags, Vehicle (see: License Plates / Motor Vehicle Registration)

TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) (see: Family and Children Services, Division of)

Tax Assessor – 706-613-3140
www.athensclarkecounty.com/taxassessor
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 280
The ACC Tax Assessor’s Office appraises all property located in Athens-Clarke County at its fair market value to ensure taxpayers pay no more than their fair share of property taxes.

Tax Commissioner – 706-613-3120 / 706-613-3130 [Tag Office]
www.athensclarkecounty.com/tc
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 250
Tag Office – 3025 Lexington Road
The ACC Tax Commissioner’s Office is involved in the preparation of the digest, collection of ad valorem tax on real and personal property, disbursements of these collections to the levying authorities, and final audit of these transactions. The office also works with delinquent ad valorem taxpayers. For motor vehicles, the office registers and titles vehicles; collects and disburses related taxes and fees; advises taxpayers of legal means of transferring vehicle ownership and proper registration and titling procedures; and assists law enforcement in identifying vehicle ownership (see also: License Plates / Motor Vehicle Registration).

Tax, Income
- Federal (see: Internal Revenue Service)
- State (see: Revenue, GA Department of)
Forms may also be available at the Athens Regional Library or post offices. The Weed and Seed Program offers a free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) tax preparation service for individuals below a certain income level (see also: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)).

Tax, Property (Filing) – 706-613-3120
ACC Tax Commissioner

Tax Sale Auctions – 706-613-3120
Tax sale auctions conducted by the ACC Tax Commissioner’s Office are held on the steps of the ACC Courthouse at 10:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. Listings of available properties are placed in the Athens Banner-Herald four weeks prior to the sale.

Taxi Driver Permits – 706-613-3330
ACC Police Department

Taylor-Grady House – 706-549-8688
www.taylorgradyhouse.com
634 Prince Avenue
This Greek revival home built in the mid-1840s was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1976. It is owned by Athens-Clarke County and managed by the Junior League of Athens for tours and rentals.

Television (see: ACTV; Cable Television)

Teen Matters
- 168 South Rocksprings Court – 706-369-5670
- 1275 Cedar Shoals Drive – 706-227-7198
A state Health Department program for teenagers ages 11-19 that offers a variety of medical services, as well as health education programs, guidance counseling, and community involvement opportunities.

Temporary Protective Orders / Temporary Restraining Orders – 706-613-3190
Temporary Restraining Orders (TROs) and Temporary Protective Orders (TPOs) are both filed through the Clerk of Superior and State Court. These two different types of orders are issued by a court restraining the conduct of a person and protecting a victim from the activities of an abusive person (see also: Clerk of Superior and State Courts).

Tenant Rights (see: Landlord and Tenant Rights and Issues)

Tennis Center – 706-613-3991
www.athensclarkecounty.com/tennis
4460 Lexington Road
The facility accommodates year-round usage for open play, leagues, instructional programs, clinics, and tournaments. The center includes 12 lighted, hard-surface courts with viewing and staging areas, a covered pavilion, restrooms, and meeting space facilities. The center is a component of Southeast Clarke Park and maintained by ACC Leisure Services.

Theatre, Public (see: Athens Creative Theatre, Morton Theatre)
Thomas N. Lay Park (see: Lay Park and Community Center)

Think at the Sink (see: Water Conservation)

Tickets, Parking (see: Parking Tickets)

Tickets, Traffic (see: Traffic Offenses; Municipal Court)

Tip Line, Crime (see: Crime Stoppers Tip Line)

Tires, Scrap (see: Landfill)

Titles, Mobile Home – 706-613-3130
ACC Tax Commissioner

Titles, Vehicle – 706-613-3130
ACC Tax Commissioner

Tool Shed – 706-613-3501 ext. 309
ACC Solid Waste Department –
Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful
Community members can borrow landscaping and
gardening tools for school beautification projects,
community gardens, or neighborhood community
improvement projects.

Tornado Sirens (see: Sirens, Tornado)

Towing
For questions related to towing from public property,
contact the Police Department. Non-consensual
towing from private property is governed by state and
local ordinances and overseen by the Public Service
Commission (see also: Public Service Commission).

Traffic Engineering – 706-613-3460
ACC Transportation and Public Works Department –
Traffic Engineering Division

Traffic Offenses – 706-613-3690
ACC Municipal Court

Traffic Signal / Sign Installation / Repair –
706-613-3460
ACC Transportation and Public Works Department –
Traffic Engineering Division

Trail Creek Park – 706-208-0185
www.athensclarkecounty.com/trailcreek
200 Trail Creek Street
Formerly East Athens Community Park, this 113-
acre park is a facility of the ACC Leisure Services
Department. The park includes two lighted football/

soccer fields, an outdoor fitness zone, a playground,
one practice baseball field, a splash pad, two picnic
shelters, a walking trail, and five miles of mountain bike
trails.

Trails
www.athensclarkecounty.com/trails
The ACC Leisure Services Department offers several
choices of varying difficulties, including both paved
paths and natural surface trails.

Transit (see: Athens Transit System)

Translation, Spanish (see: Catholic Social Services;
United Way)

Transportation and Public Works
www.athensclarkecounty.com/publicworks

• Main Office / Stormwater Management / Engineering – 706-613-3440
  120 West Dougherty Street
• Streets and Drainage Division – 706-613-3465
  605 Spring Valley Road
• Traffic Engineering Division – 706-613-3460
  2795 Lexington Road
The ACC Transportation and Public Works Department
provides technical service for traffic operations systems,
construction and maintenance of road systems,
engineering inspection of public roads, sidewalks,
and drainage facilities, and support services to other
ACC projects involving public improvements (see
also: Animal, Dead Removal; Drainage, Street; Graffiti
Reporting / Removal; Parking, Residential; Road Work
Reports; Sidewalks; Stormwater Management Program;
Street Lights; Street Repair; Traffic Signal / Sign
Installation / Repair).

Transportation, Georgia Department of – 706-583-
2644 (Area Engineer Office) / 511 (GA Travel Info)
www.dot.ga.gov
The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT)
plans, constructs, maintains, and improves the state’s
roads and bridges; provides planning and financial
support for other modes of transportation such as mass
transit and airports; provides airport and air safety
planning; and provides air travel to state departments.
GDOT also provides administrative support to the State
Tollway Authority, the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority,
and the Georgia Southwest Rail Excursion Authority.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) –
706-613-3515 [ACC Planning Department]
www.macorts.org
The TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) is
an annually updated document that details funded transportation projects to be undertaken in the Athens Urbanized Area. The role of the TIP is to document the implementation of the short-range (four-year) elements of the Long Range (20-year) Transportation Plan. Although only federally funded projects located within the urbanized area are required to be included in the TIP, all transportation projects are included for informational purposes.

**Trash** *(see: Dumping, Illegal; Litter; Solid Waste)*

**Treatment and Accountability Court (TAC) – 706-354-3995**

www.athensclarkecounty.com/tac

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 580

The ACC Treatment & Accountability Court (TAC) targets individuals who are or could be charged with a felony or misdemeanor criminal offense stemming from their mental illness or mental disability. Many of these individuals have a co-occurring addictive disease. The Treatment & Accountability Court is administered by the Superior Court with assistance from the Probate Court *(see also: Veterans Court)*.

**Trees**

*Best Management Practices for Community Trees* is a 134-page technical guide to selecting, placing, conserving, protecting, maintaining, establishing, removing, and replacing trees in Athens-Clarke County. It is available from the ACC Landscape Management Division and online at www.athensclarkecounty.com/landscape *(see also: Arborist; Community Forestry Coordinator; Community Tree Council; Landmark Trees; Landscape Management Division; Trees, Fallen)*.

**Trees, Fallen**

For trees blocking roadways due to storms, call 911 or the ACC Transportation and Public Works Department’s Streets and Drainage Division (706-613-3465). For all other fallen trees on public property, call the Landscape Management Division of the ACC Central Services Department (706-613-3561).

**TSPLOST – 706-613-3025**

www.athensclarkecounty.com/tsplost

A Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) is a 1-cent sales tax approved by voters specifically for transportation purposes, including roads, bridges, public transit, rails, airports, buses, and all accompanying infrastructure and services necessary to provide access to these facilities. If approved on November 7, 2017 by voters, sales tax collection will begin in April 2018 as an additional sales tax on the current sales tax.

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**UGA** *(see: University of Georgia)*

**Unemployment – 706-583-2550**

GA Department of Labor

**Unification**

The former City of Athens and Clarke County governments were officially unified into one governing body on January 14, 1991 as a result of a voter referendum in August of 1990.

**United States District Court** *(see: Federal Court)*

**United States Government Information – 844-872-4681 [800-USA-GOV1]**

www.info.gov / www.usa.gov

**United Way of Northeast Georgia – 706-543-5254**

www.unitedwaynega.org

The mission of the United Way of Northeast Georgia is to increase the ability of people to care for one another through the combined efforts of volunteers and service providers, and to be an effective catalyst in a community-wide effort to provide a quality of life for all. The United Way also operates the 211 resource and information helpline.

**University of Georgia – 706-542-3000 [Directory Assistance]**

www.uga.edu

**Utilities**

Private companies provide natural gas, electricity, and phone service to Athens-Clarke County. For problems or complaints with these regulated utilities, contact the Georgia Public Service Commission in Atlanta (800-282-5813). Water and wastewater (sewer) services are provided to most of the county by the ACC Public Utilities Department *(see also: Public Utilities)*.

**Utilities Protection Services or Utilities Locator – 811 / 800-282-7411 [Call Before You Dig]**

This service will help citizens determine if areas on their property are safe locations for digging.
Utility Poles
Utility poles are maintained by their respective utilities. For issues related to utility poles, citizens may contact the responsible utility directly.

Vehicle Registration (see: License Plates / Motor Vehicle Registration)

Vending
- **Door-to-Door** (see: Door-to-Door Sales)
- **Downtown – 706-613-3530**
  Downtown street vendors must be permitted by the ACC Central Services Department and display an identification badge. Only select areas in downtown are available for vending.
- **Private Property – 706-613-3050**
  Vendors on commercial private property, such as a parking lot, must be permitted by the ACC Finance Department.

Veterans Court – 706-208-7078
www.athensclarkecounty.com
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 210
The Western Judicial Circuit Veterans Court targets veterans in Athens-Clarke or Oconee County who are or could be charged with a felony or misdemeanor criminal offense stemming from mental illness or substance abuse problems associated with service. It is administered by the Superior Court with supplementary services provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (see also: Veterans Service).

Veterans Service, Georgia Department of – 706-369-5630 or 706-369-5631
veterans.georgia.gov
9249 US Highway 29, Suite D
Discharged veterans with questions about DD2-14 forms should visit Clerk of Superior and State Courts (see also: Clerk of Superior and State Courts).

Victim Assistance Program
- **Solicitor-General (State Court) – 706-613-3222**
  Handles misdemeanor crimes and serves as an advocate for victims.
- **District Attorney (Superior Court) – 706-613-3740**
  Handles felony crimes and serves as an advocate for victims. Notification of court dates, hearings, and explanation of legal terms is provided by this office.

Victim Impact Panel – 706-613-3222
Solicitor General’s Office
Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the State Court room on the fifth floor of the ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street.

Victim Notification
- **Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) – 706-613-3270 / 800-467-4975**
  Automated system through the ACC Sheriff’s Office that allows victims of crimes to check on the status of offenders and also receive notification when an arrested offender is transferred or released.
- **Victim Information Program (VIP) – 800-593-9474**
  Twenty-four hour automated information system used by the GA Department of Corrections with the State Board of Pardons and Paroles to provide victims of crime and/or their families information regarding custody and status of an inmate. Individuals registered with the Office of Victim Services can also automatically receive notification of the release of an offender from custody.

Vital Records (see: Birth Certificates; Death Certificates)

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) – 706-546-1154 / 706-613-3358
300 Henderson Extension, Hancock Community Development Corporation
A program of the Community Capacity Development Office, formerly known as Weed and Seed (see also: Community Capacity Development Office).

Volunteering
- **ACC Leisure Services – 706-613-3625**
  Volunteer opportunities exist throughout the ACC Leisure Services Department. Examples of opportunities include trail guides, coaching, after school program helpers, animal caretakers, and Morton Theatre and Athens Creative Theatre ushers. Listings are available at www.athensclarkecounty.com/volunteer.
- **Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful (KACCB)**
  www.keepathensbeautiful.org
Voter Registration / Voting – 706-613-3150
www.athensclarkecounty.com/elections
The ACC Board of Elections and Voter Registration office registers citizens to vote over the age of 17 1/2 years old. At 18 years of age, the Board issues a card and citizens are officially eligible to vote. A Driver’s License or Georgia ID number or the last 4 digits of their Social Security number, along with the date of birth, proof of residency in Georgia, and a signature are required. Voter ID cards can be made at the Board of Elections office for voters without a photo ID that is required for voting (see also: Absentee / Early Voting; Advance Voting; Board of Elections).

Warden (see: Corrections)

Warden, Game (see: Conservation Ranger)

Ware-Lyndon Historic House Museum – 706-613-3623
www.athensclarkecounty.com/warelyndonhouse
293 Hoyt Street
The Ware-Lyndon House (c.1856) is the only surviving building from the Lickskillet neighborhood of Athens. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. The house features an architectural style that is a blend of 19th century Italianate and Greek Revival and showcases furniture and historical artifacts from the Victorian period in Georgia. Adjacent to the Ware-Lyndon House is an interpretive Victorian-style Parterre garden. The facility is owned and operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department.

Warrants – 706-613-3250
Warrants are issued by the ACC Magistrate Court and served by the ACC Sheriff’s Office.

Waste (see: Solid Waste; Litter)

Water, Brown (see: Brown Water)

Water Business Office (Billing) – 706-613-3500
www.athensclarkecounty.com/publicutilities
124 East Hancock Avenue
The ACC Water Business Office issues and collects bills for water provision and wastewater treatment services by the ACC Public Utilities Department and stormwater fees for ACC Transportation and Public Works’ Stormwater Management Program. The office also handles water service (see also: Public Utilities; Stormwater Management Program).

Water Conservation – 706-613-3729
www.athensclarkecounty.com/publicutilities
124 East Hancock Avenue
The ACC Public Utilities Department Water Conservation Coordinator provides free residential water audits and tips and tools to help conserve water.

Water Meters (see: Meters, Water)

Water Quality / Testing
Public water system testing is done at the ACC Public Utilities Department Water Treatment Plant (706-613-3481). Well water testing is handled by the GA Health Department’s Environmental Health Division or by Cooperative Extension (see also: Well Water Testing).

Water Resources Center (see: Snipes Water Resources Center)

Water Services (ACC System Broken Lines / Leaks) (see: Emergency Water or Sewer Service)

Water Wasting – 706-613-3729
www.athensclarkecounty.com/publicutilities
Certain water wasting activities are prohibited by ordinance.

Watering Restrictions – 706-613-3729
www.athensclarkecounty.com/publicutilities

Website
www.athensclarkecounty.com
The official website for the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government.

Weed and Seed (see: Community Capacity Development Office)

Welcome Center, Athens – 706-353-1820
www.athenswelcomecenter.com
280 East Dougherty Street
The Athens Welcome Center offers visitor and newcomer information, a gift shop, and community tours. It is housed in the Church-Waddel-Brumby House, built circa 1820 and believed to be the oldest house in Athens. The house is owned by Athens-Clarke County and administered by the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation as a house museum and welcome center.
Welfare (TANF) (see: Family and Children Services, Division of)

Well Water Testing
- GA Health Department (Environmental Health Division) – 706-583-2658
- Cooperative Extension – 706-613-3640

Wiggley Field (see: Southeast Clarke Park)

Wildlife
The ACC Animal Control Division (706-613-3540) will respond to seriously sick, injured, or trapped wildlife, as well as any threat to public safety. If wild animals have nested, exist in large numbers, or are within a wall or other structure that would be damaged in order to gain access to the animal, a licensed wildlife removal company should be contacted.

Wills – 706-613-3321
Probate Court.
Probate court does not notarize wills. For notary services, contact the Clerk of Superior & State Courts. (see: Clerk of Superior & State Courts)

Winterville – 706-742-8600 [City Hall]
www.cityofwinterville.com
125 North Church Street, Winterville

Women’s Shelter (see: Homeless Shelter, Athens Area; Project Safe)

World of Wonder Park (see: Playgrounds; Southeast Clarke Park)

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Yard Sales (see: Garage Sales)

Youth Leadership Athens
www.youthleadershipathens.wordpress.com
Youth Leadership Athens (YLA) is Athens-Clarke County’s premier leadership program for area high school students. Participants take part in civic education and leadership development with other Athens area students over six months to develop themselves not only as future leaders in our community, but as individuals to become better friends, classmates, and family members. Applications are due in early fall for the program, which begins in late fall.

Youth Sports Complex (see: J.R. Holland Youth Sports Complex; Satterfield Park)

Z

Zoning Code – 706-613-3515
ACC Planning Department
The Zoning Code includes ordinances detailing categorical use zones, definitions, overlay districts, conditional uses, variance procedures, and other specialized development standards. The Zoning Code and Development Standards are collectively called the Development Regulations (see also: Comprehensive Plan; Future Development Map; Development Standards).

Zoo (see: Bear Hollow Zoo)
About the Cover:

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